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PREFACE.

THE kind Reception which the Description of our English Counties has met with, encouraged the Publication of this Manuscript Survey of Staffordshire, wrote by a Gentleman, a Native of this County, Eminent for his Skill in History and Antiquities; an intimate Friend of the Learned CAMDENs, and justly Celebrated by him. This Piece was so highly esteemed by the Gentry of this County, that many Copies were taken of it, and preserved as valuable Rarities by them. Before it was sent to the Press, several Manuscripts were collated, and no Labour spared to publish the Work in as compleat a manner as the Author left it, whose Original is said to be lost. The first Manuscript we shall take Notice of, is repositied in the Archives of the Bodleian Library in Oxford, and is in some parts defective. The second was communicated by Ralph Thoresby of Leeds in Yorkshire, Esq; and W. R. S. which, tho' frequently supplying the Defects of the former, seems to be wrote by the same Person, the Third and last (to omit others less material) was Transcribed by Sir William Dugdale, Knt. who has added something at the latter end, and the Letter of Sir Simon Degge. This Manuscript seems very accurate and correct, and has some considerable Additions, omitted in the other Copies sent to the Editor. Of this Author, and his Work, I shall say no more, but refer you to the Account given of him by the Oxford Antiquary.

ANTHONY

ANTHONY a WOOD's Account of the AUTHOR.

SAMPSON ERDESWICKE, Son of Hugh Erdeswicke, Esq; was Born at Sandon in Staffordshire, Studied in the Condition of a Gentleman Commoner in Brasenose College, in 1553 and 54 (1st and 2d of Queen Mary) where he laid the Foundation of some Learning, that advanc'd him to greater in future Times. Afterwards he retir'd to his Patrimony at Sandon, where applying his Mind to that kind of Learning which his Genius led him to, became at length a Gentleman well accomplish'd with many vertuous Qualities. He was very well vers'd in Histories, but more in Antiquities, especially in those of his own County; and therefore stiled by the Learned CAMDEN, * a very great Lover, and diligent Searcher of venera-

? In Britannia, in Com. Staff.

ble Antiquity, † adding, that in this Regard he is no less worthy of Remembrance, than for that he is directly in the Male-Line descended from Sir Hugh Vernon, Baron of Shipbrook, the Name being chang'd by the use of that age, according to sundry Habitations, first into Holgrave, and afterwards into Erdeswicke. At length for the tender Respect he had to his Native Country, and desiring much the Honour of it, wrote *A short View of Staffordshire, containing the Antiquities of the same County.* It was began about the Year 1593, and continued by him to his Death, from ancient Evidences and Records, with Brevity, Clearness, and Truth.

Mr. Erdeswicke submitted to the stroke of Death, on the 11th Day of April, 1603, and was Buried under a goodly Monument of Free-stone, with his Proportion thereon, Erected by himself in his Lifetime, in the Church of Sandon. Which Church was, a little before, new Glazed and Repaired by Him.

Mr.

† A Character, which says Dr. Plott, In his *Natural History of Staffordshire*, pag. 276. He has fully made good in the *Manuscript View of this County*, written by Him.

Mr. Erdeswicke's INTRODUCTION to his SURVEY of Staffordshire. In a Letter to a Friend.

SIR, *your purpose*
HAVING dispos'd with my self to take a farther View of the Shires of Stafford and Cheshire (according to promise) I have set down what I have found, or can yet learn, and have thought it a very commodious way to follow the Rivers *as* you have done.)

And therefore to omit the Seating of both the Shires, and adjoining them to their Neighbouring Countreies (that matter being by you very well disposed.) I will begin first with Staffordshire, and in that with the River of Trent, which taketh its beginning in the Northwest part of the Shire, runneth from thence, first Southwards, then South-East, then plain East, and so bending towards the North-East, entreth into Derbyshire, and leaveth Staffordshire.

† Suppos'd to be Mr. Camden.



A
SURVEY
OF
STAFFORDSHIRE.



Brady Wood
RENT hath the first Spring
in the Moor-lands, between
Bidulph and Horton, and di-
videth the Shire almost into
two equal parts, North and
South; the North being divided into
Moor-land, and Wood-land.

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Horton
of Cheshire*
latly Wood
B *king*
BIDULPH being in the Confine
of the Shires, joyneth upon Cheshire. With-
in less than two Miles of Congleton, is a
goodly Manour; where Francis Bidulph,
a Gentleman of an Ancient House, and ta-

king his Name of the Place, hath Builded
a stately and fair new House of Stone.
20 Conquest, Bidulph was in the King's
Hands. The Bidulphs derive themselves
from one Ormus Lord of Darlaveston
vulgo Darleston, juxta Stone. Fenton. Culver

THIS Ormus lived either in the Con-
queror's time, or the next succeeding Age;

he had Issue, Robert, Edward, and Tho-
mas: Robert had Issue, Aliva Married to

Eugenulphus the Son of William de Gresley,
who had Issue by her Petronella, Married

first, as I take it, to Henry de Audleigh,
by whom she had Issue James, and after

to Robert Sugentull Knight, and Dionysia
de Darlaveston; Dionysia had Issue Felicia

the Wife of Henry Verdon, and after to
Thomas, Brother of Adam Dorn. de Leigh,

ton in Cheshire. The Lands were so divi-
ded, that Eugenulph de Gresley and Aliva

had Tunstall, Chaddersly and Chell descend-
ed from them to the Lord Audleigh by

his Wife Petronella, and Darleston, Fen-
ton and part of Bidulph not given away

before, was allotted to Dionysia the Mo-
ther of Felicia, Wife of Henry Verdon.

Aliva before spoken of, gave to Roger
the Son of Edward, Middle-Bidulph, for

Bidulph is divided into divers Hamlets;
that is to say, Over-Bidulph, Middle-Bid-

ulph, and Nether-Bidulph and Knippersley.
Over-Bidulph to that Ormus was son of Robert

of Bucken hall Darlaveston vulgo Darla-
ston. Fenton. Culver Bidulph Tunstall Chell

Chell & Normanseale he had issue Robert &
Edward and Aliva Robert married Matilda

Edward and Aliva Robert married Matilda
Edward and Aliva Robert married Matilda

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Robert the Son of Edward had Issue Thomas, who had Issue Roger, who had Issue William, who had Issue John, who had Issue Robert, who Married Cicely the Daughter and Heir of Thomas the Son of Thomas, Son of Henry Biddulph Kt. who Sold Normancoate to Henry de Audleigh, and Henry passed it over to the Abbey of Hilton, in liberam eleemosinam, which Henry Biddulph was the Son of Thomas Biddulph Kt. Son of the afore-named Ormus; for Aliva did also give to Thomas the Son of Ormus her Uncle, the Town of Normancoate and Over-Biddulph: Of Robert and Cicely came Robert, who had Issue William, who had Issue Richard, who had Issue Richard, who had Issue Francis. Neither Biddulph is now possessed by Edward Manwaring, Son of Edward Manwaring, third Brother of Sir Randolph Manwaring of Pever; the Father Married Alice the sole Daughter and Heir of Robert Bogley, by whom Edward the Son inherits the same, by deriving himself as Heir to his Mother, and as I take it, from Henry Verdon, and Amiritia his Wife.

KNIPPER SLET was possessed by a Race of Gentlemen, who take their name of the place about the beginning of King Henry III's time. Robert of Knipersley had William, the 29th of Hen. III.

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who had Issue Robert, 24 Edw. I. who had Issue William, 2d Edw. II. who had issue Katherine, Robert Bowyer having Married her. She was the last Heir of the last Robert Knippersley, about 11 Rich. II. Time, at the first entred himself into Knippersley Armoury, but now of late his Heirs have invested themselves into new Armoury.

TRENT following its Course, leaveth STANLEY a little Village about a Mile Eastward from it, of this small Village do all the great Houses of Stansley take their Name, who seem to me to be descended from the Audleighs by their Paternal Ancestors. For Adam, the Son of Lydulphus de Audleigh, did give to William the Son of Adam de Stanley his Uncle, all Stansley, and half the Town of Bagnall in exchange for the Town of Talk. Sir Rowland Stanley, of whom the Earls of Derby, and the rest of the House of Stanley descend, is to this day owner of Stansley. The Place seems to take its Name from the nature of the Soil, though it be in the Moor-lands is yet a rough and stony place, and many cragged Rocks about it.

NORTON is the next Village that receiveth Trent through it. Nolviet held Norton of Robert de Stafford, 20. Conq. I find

I find a Record that Robert the Son of Ran-
dolph held *Alfraton* and *Norton* immedi-
ately after the time of the Conquest,
which Robert founded the House de *Bello*
Capite in *Derbyshire*, and had issue *Wil-*
liam Lord of *Alfraton* and *Norton*; *Wil-*
liam had issue *William*, Barone of *Alfri-*
ton, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue
Thomas, that died without issue, and *Alice*
Married to *William* the Son of *William de*
Chadūce, vulgo *Charworth*, *Aminitia* the
Wife of *Robert Latham* and *Latitia* that
died without issue. I take it for most
certain that this is the *Norton* the
Record speaketh of; for I find one only
Escutcheon in the Church, and that so ve-
ry old, that I think it to be set up by some
of the Barones of *Alfraton*, whose Mark
it was, though I know that both *Charworth*
and *Latham* used it, after they had Mar-
ried the Heirs of *Alfraton* as their parti-
cular Armoury. There are in *Norton*
Church-yard divers Monuments of free-
stone, each of them having a Cross engra-
ven upon the Tombs, and under the cor-
ner of the Cross the Figure of an Arming-
Sword, but Writing there is none, unless
it be under the lower part of the Stone.
Of late time *Norton* hath been the Inheri-
tance of Sir *William de Meere*, and since,
the one moiety came to the Lord *Aud-*
leighs,

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leighs, and the other to the Barons of Stafford, until this present Baron sold it; but by what Title he came to it, I cannot yet learn.

TRENT having past Norton, leaveth BAGNALL, a Village removed from it Eastward more than a Mile. 20 Conquest, Robert de Stafford was owner of it; the Village though of late time it hath not been possessed of any Man of Note of that Name, yet I find Testis to a very ancient piece of Evidence before Henry III's time, that one of the Bagenthalls have been feated amongst, and before some of the Chief Men that lived then in the Shire, as may appear by the Brief of the said Deed here presented. *Willielmus de Cheddleton omnibus, &c. sciatis me dedisse, &c. Ph. de Draycoate, &c. Test. Henrico de Furveances, Tho: de Edinton tunc Vic. Henricus de Legatendo de Prestwood, Adam de Aldrege, Henry de Danestone, Roger de Bagenbold, Will. de Verdon, Henry de Munkford, Galfridus de Sortforlong*; But all the Names of them since, have been brought down, I know not how, unto the Plebeian State, until this our present Age; that two Brethren of that Surname, Sons of one John Bagnall, Born at Darlastone, the one Ralph, the other Nicholas, were for their Valour, Ralph at Muscledorow,

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borow, and Nicholas in Ireland, both of them adorned with the honour of Knight-^{order} hood, the Son of which Sir Nicholas, Hen-^{his sons of} ry by Name, tracing his Father's steps, is ^{William} also advanced to the same Dignity. There ^{Samuel} is also in Bagnall an House called Greeway, ^{Henry} that hath been possessed by a Race of Gentlemen of the same Name.

FROM ^{hence} TRENT passeth to HILTON, sometime an Abbey, founded, as I take it, by the Lord Audleigh's Ancestors, of which I can say nothing except that Verse

*Quas Sacras Aedes pietas construxit avorum
Has nunc heredes devastant more luporum.*

ight be well verified, of the Possessor as he is descended from so near to the Founder.

FROM hence TRENT passeth to STOAKE, leaving BUCKEN-^{an house} HALL somewhat Eastward from it. Chetell held it before the Conquest, and 20 Conquest, the King, and 9 Edw. II. 619.

Theobald and Vivian de Vernon were Lords of it; and 14 Edw. III. Elizabeth Dom. de

Burwasth was Lady of 2 parts of BUCK-

ENHALL, and so continued until

34 Edw. III. but whose Daughter or Wife

she was I yet know not; but between the

Conquest, and Edw. I. time there was

Lord of it, one Alanns de Buckenball,

*order
his sons of
William
Samuel
Henry*

*about the
beginning of
King John's
time*

*and of the
same house
of Chetell
de Burwasth
son of Chetell
bald and
wife of
Bartholom
de Burwasth*

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from whom the *Allens* of this Country, as they say, *trahunt originem*; and of whom is descended *Thomas Allen* of *Cantaman*, so well known for his Vertue, Knowledge, and Learning, that he needs not any commendation of mine. Of *STOAKE* I can report no more, but that having so many Religious Houses in the Shire, it had a marvelous Hap to escape the Covetousness of them in all Ages, and is one of the best Parsonages in the County, and is not yet Appropriated.

TRENT then making hapt to receive *NEWCASTLE*-Water, leaveth but little Eastward, first *FENTON*, then *HANDFORD*; *NEWCASTLE*-Water hath its beginning near *TEALK*, a Town before spoken of, where somewhat more Easterly stands *BROADWELL*, the Seat of *Ralph*, the Son of Sir *William Snead*, who is the fourth Man from the raiser of that Family; *William* by Name a Citizen of *Chester*, who had issue *Richard*, the Father of the said Sir *William*; this *Ralph* by his Vertue, Affability, Lenity, and in all good sort encreasing his Patrimony, sheweth that the first Advancer obtained his Wealth, whereby the House is come to this Estate, by lawful, good, and laudable Means; for otherwise

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you know God would punish the Sins of the Parents upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation, and the third Heir should scarce enjoy the Patrimony.

A little lower stands *CHESTERTON*, where are to be seen the Ruins of a very antient Town or Castle; there yet remaining some Rubbish of Stone and Lime, whereby may be perceiv'd that the Walls have been of a marvelous thickness, and the Name doth argue some Town, or rather Castle, there to have been seated; As also by the decay thereof, which may seem to be occasioned by the building of *Newcastle*, whereupon, as I take it, the same took the Name of *NEWCASTLE*.

THOTHE Walls whereof begin to follow the other, shewing themselves also very ruinous, and almost as little to the view, but that they stand in a great Lake or Pool as the other do not. *Newcastle* is two Miles from *Chesterton*, and standeth upon a Brook, which taketh its Name from thence, and is governed by a Mayor, and having the liberty, that antient Burroughs for the most part have, doth also send two Burgesses to the Parliament House.

MORE than a Mile from *Newcastle* Southwards stands *KEELE*, where the said

said Ralph Snead hath built a very proper and fine House of Stone. In the same Town also dwelleth a Gentleman of the Surname of Brett.

*much of Clayton
Cottont.*

TRENT having received Newcastle-Water passeth to TRENTHAM, where sometimes was a Religious House, whereof I know no more than is said, except what I find in a Record that the Prior and Convent holds the same and Church in proper Use, and that they entered the same *tem-* pore Regis Rufi per Hugonem Tetter Con-
ventus Cestracin propriam & perpetuam eleemosinam.

*Walsingham
Convent.*

AND so leaving on the East BAR-
LASTON, and on the West TIT-
TENSOR, both, the late Inheritance of
the Barons of Stafford, and not long since

*John de Barlaston
was Lord about
the Son of Philip Holgate and of Titterfor
Wode Tittersor, but how they came after-
wards to the Staffords I know not, except
they came by Escheat, for they were hold-
en in Conquest of Robert de Stafford by
Holgate & a large Manour called Cub
Meldon, whereof are Members, Meaford,
Olton, Berry-Hill, Cotwouldston, Mathersal,
the Spot-Granges, Buckenball and Wood-
houses. Sometime this Lordship, as I take
it, was the Pantulfes, and of latter time
Hulgham Cottont. much of the
out-bantring Cublodon*

the Trussels, who built there a goodly and stately House of Stone whereof several ruins do yet remain. The Trussels were Lords thereof by marrying an Heir of the Pantulfes or Pandulphs. Since, the Vernons of Haddon in Derbyshire were Lords of it, I think, as our Lawyers say, by Perquisition; whereof the last Sir George leaving two Daughters Margaret and Dorothy. Margaret was married to Sir Thomas Stanley, 2d Son to Sir Edward Earl of Derby, and Father of Edward Stanley now owner thereof.

THEN on the West side thereof Trent leaveth DARLASTON, where on a goodly large steep Hill be the ruins of a very large House, or rather, as may seem, of some small Town, the report of the Country is, that this place was sometime the Habitation of Wulfaricus King of Mercia, and not unlike, for that Stone where his Son Walfradus was Martyr'd, is but a Mile off: This is that Darlaston now lately spoke of. Of Darlaston is now owner James Collier, whose Grandfather was first a Taylor, then a Draper, then a Wool-buyer, (for some Staplers grew to such Wealth) that he purchased Darlaston, and almost all Stone, which is a thoroughfare to London, and a pretty Market Town, and also a goodly Farm lying within a Mile

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Yarlet jughe Stone
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 Mile from Trent Southward, and two Miles from Stone, being a Grange belonging to the Abbey of *Cambermeare*, called *Earl Hyde*, which (as I take it) taketh the Name, by reason it was at the Conquest the Lands of *Comes Rogerus Montgomerius*, and contains one Hyde of Land, as if one might say the Earl's Hyde. *Stone*

Yarlet jughe Stone
see pag 33
Nicholas Anthon
see pag 33
Knolworth
see pag 33
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 STONE was sometimes a Priory, and was founded by *Kenulfus*, or *Kenelinus* King of *Mercia*, but much increased by the Barons and Earls of *Stafford* whose Burial place it was for the most of them; for there lyeth buried first, *Robert* first Baron after the conquest, and *Anastasia* his Wife, *Nichol* the second, and *Matilda* his Wife, *Robert* the third Baron, and *Anastasia* his Wife, *Herveyus Bagot* fourth Baron, in right of his Wife *Millicent* Daughter and Heir of the last before-named: *Robert Harvey Bagot* the Son of *Harvey* and *Millicent*, fifth Baron, and *Petronella* his Wife, and *Robert* his Son sixth Baron, and both his Wives, who obtained the Freedom of the House from *Knolworth* to which before it was subject: Also *Nicholas* his Son, seventh Baron, also the Heart of *Hugh*, second Earl of *Stafford*, Son of *Ralph* the first Earl, which *Hugh* died at *Rhodes*, and the Body of his Wife *Philippa* was buried at *Stone*. Now the said Priory and the Demesnes

mesnes thereof, together with the Deana-
ry of Stafford is in the Possession of William
Crompton who hath seated himself there.
 This William was Son of one William a
 Merchant ^{in London} *ex humili loco natus*, who pur-
 chased the said Priory soon after the Dis-
 solution thereof.

T R E N T having taken its course by
Stone, passeth between ~~ASTON~~ ^{Walton} and
S T O K E, and Aston and BURSTON,
 of which more hereafter, both the Lands
 of Walter Haveringham descended from
 the Haveringhams of Suffolk, for Walter
 was the Son of Christopher, who was the
 Son of Erasmus, who was a younger Bro-
 ther of the Haveringhams of Suffolk, which
Erasmus married Mary the Daughter and
 Heir of Walter Moyle of Kent, and Isa-
bella his Wife the Daughter and Heir of
John Stanley, Son and Heir of Sir Hum-
phrey Stanley Knight and Baronet, and Banmors
Ellen his Wife, Daughter and Heir of Ja.
Lea, Kt. Son and Heir of William Lea of
Knightley, and Maud his Wife. ^{owners of} Aston Bur-
ston Lea Walton

THE last Ralph Earl of Chester build-
 ed the Castle of C H A R T L E T, the
 ruins whereof yet remain, the Park is ve-
 ry large, and hath therein Red Deer, Fal-
 low, wild Beasts, and Swine, &c.

S A L T is now in contention, Chet-
wind claiming it as parcel of his Manour
 of

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of *Ingestry*, and certain others of inferior State intitle themselves as Lords in common of the said Manour every one *pro rata*.

H O P T O N lying more South, one little Angle reacheth to *Trent*, whereof was sometime Lord, *Robert de Beck Filius & Heres Alicia Domæ de Hopton*, from whence it descended by inheritance after by many descents by a Daughter, *Maud* by Name, to *Richard Beston* alias *Peshall*, who had issue *Humphrey Peshall*, who had issue *Hugh Peshall*, Kt. who had issue *Katherine* his Heir, who was married to *Sir John Blount*, Son and Heir of *Sir Thomas Blount*, of *Kinlet* in *Shropshire*, both Knights; who had issue by her *Sir George Blount*, Kt. *Elizabeth* her Daughter, which was Mother of *Henry Fitz Ray* Duke of *Richmond*, and *Anne* another Daughter married to *Richard Lason* of *Welley*. *Sir George Blount* had one only Daughter, which is married to *John Preston* of *Sudbury* in *Shropshire*, but *Sir George* gave both *Hopton* and all his other Lands from his Daughter and his Brother *Henry's* Son, to *Rowland Lason* now of *Welley*, his Sisters Son, why he did so, not being known.

NEXT *Hopton*, on the same side *Trent*, upon the Bank thereof, lieth *INGESTRY*, the Seat of the *Chetwinds* of *Staffordshire*;

*which was long and long held both in Warwick
and of Robert de Stafford about Henry the 2d*
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fordshire; they were the Lands of Edward Eudo
de Mitton, and he had issue Ralph his Son in Mitton
and Heir: This Edward lived about the
time of Henry the II^d: Not long after, it
came to the Possession of the Chetwinds
by Marriage, as I think, of an Heir of y^e d^r Ralph
the Mittons, for that they have the Lord-
ship of Mitton. Also I find that Philip
Chetwind was Lord of Ingestry 19 Edw. I. c. 2
in whose Race it continues to this day. much lost out

NEXT Ingestry, Southward unto Trent
joyneth TICKSALL, sometime after 20 of the
Habitation of the House of Wastneys, or Roger de
as it is written, Gastenoise. Paganus de Montgomerie
Gastenoise was Lord thereof about the time of Hen. II^d,
He had issue Roger there of, of whom descended Jeffry,
that lived in Edward the II^d's time, and he had issue
Malcolme, who had issue William, who had issue Roger,
who had issue Raesia that was married to Sir John
Marstone, Kt. and by him had no issue, and then it
came to the Littletons, and since it came to Aston's
House, whose chief House now it is where Sir Edward,
Grandfather to this Sir Edward, built a fair House,
the first height very well wrought of Stone, the rest
of Plaister and Timber, but whether it is beautified,
(or rather defaced) I know not which to say,
with a very stately Gatehouse built of Stone
by Sir Walter Aston, son of Sir Edward that was
y^e how was married to John Aston Kt. from whom it descended
to this Sir Edward Aston Kt. grandfather to this Sir Edward
much lost out Sir Edward son of this said Sir Walter
built also a very fair lodge in all park way
highly of good colour it will be finished
not to finish it.

this Sir Edward's Father; being one of the fairest pieces of Work I have seen, made of late, in these Countries.

ON the North-east side of Trent, over against Tickfall lieth *HAYWOOD*, a goodly Manour; sometime belonging to the Bishops of Coventry and Litchfield, but of late, to the Lords Pagets. In this Haywood was the antient Seat of the Astons, Rogerus Malanc. Episc. Coventry & Litchfield gave the same Seat to Robert de Aston valetto suo about the time of King Henry the III. He was the Son of Ralph Aston, and Father of Sir John Aston, Kt. Sir John was Father of Sir Roger Aston, Kt. who was Father of John, who was Father of Sir Thomas Aston, Kt. Father of Sir Roger Aston, Kt. Father of Sir Robert Aston, Kt. Father of John, Father of Sir John Aston Knight and Baronet, Father of Sir Edward Aston, Kt. Father of Sir Walter Aston, Kt. Father of Sir Edward Aston, Kt. now living. 1595.

TRENT upon leaving Tickfall receiveth the Sow, which upon the Southside washeth also Tickfall, making it almost an Isthmus. SOW taketh its beginning near MADELY, a goodly Manour, of antient times belonging to the Barons of Stafford, but by the Attainder of Edward the last Duke of Buckingham, it came to the

the Crown, and by the King, as I have heard, was given to the Lord *Bray*, from whence it came to the Lord *Wentworth*, who sold the same to Sir *Thomas Offley* Kt. *offley of London* late Mayor of *London*, Father of *Henry Offley* now owner thereof.

IN *Madely* Parish is *WRINEFORD*, the inheritance and House of the *Egertons*, they possess the same, as Heirs to *Hellen*, one of the Daughters and Heirs to Sir *John Hawkestone*, Knight, and *Geffrey* the Son of *Hugh Betley*: *Hellen* was the Wife of *William*, Son of *Ralph*, Son of *Ralph* Son of *David*, Son of *Bryan Egerton* of *Calwate* in *Cheshire*, 2d Son of *Philip Egerton*, of *Egerton*, of whose Line see more in *Cheshire*, and Mother of *Ralph Egerton*, Father of *Hugh Egerton*, Father of *Ralph*, Father of *John*, and *William*; *John* was Father of Sir *Ralph Egerton* Kt. Father of *Edward* of *Betly* now living.

BETLY lieth North from *Wrineford*, and joyneth thereto, wherein stands the Ruins of *Heyl*, a Castle late of the Lord *Gosy Cough* *Audleigh's*.

TWO Miles from *Betly* North East, lieth *Audleigh*, the Antient Barons of the *Audleighs*, concerning the Advancement of which House, read the Copy of a Confirmation of *Hen. 3.* hereafter written;

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18 *A Survey of STAFFORDSHIRE.*

Henricus Dei Gratia, &c. By this Deed is given to the *Audleighs* by the King, *Ansfield, Tunstall, Chadley, Chell, Thursfield, Bradwell, and Normancoate, and of the Gift of Nicholas Verdun. Audleigh* with its Appurtenances, and divers other Hamlets and Privileges confirmed unto the *Audleighs* by the said Deed. The first *Audley* that I can read of, is called *Adam*, the Father of *Lynulphus*, or *Bidulphus de Audley*; which *Bidulphus* had issue *Adam*, who had issue this *Henry* before spoken of, who had Issue *James*, who had issue *James*, who had issue *Nicholas*, who died both without issue; and three Daughters; that is to say, *Margaret*, Married to *Roger, Jone*, to *John Tulchell*, and *Margery*, to *Philimus Fitzwarren*. *Margaret* the Wife of — passed her Lands to *John Tulchell*, and after died without issue; so that *John Tulchell*, and *Jone* his Wife, having two parts of *Audleigh* Barony, their Son *John* was accounted as Baron *Audleigh*. He had issue *James* Lord *Audleigh*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *George*, now Lord *Audley*. *Fitzwarren*, and *Margaret* his Wife, held their part of the Barony of *Audley*, and left it to their Son, who had issue *Filme* Lord *Fitzwarren*, who had issue *Elizabeth*, Married to *Richard Hawford* Kt. who had issue *Katherine*, or *Thomy*.

Lynulphus.

Tunstall
Tulco

Tunstall

Fulco

Hawford

Thomysine, Married to *William Bourcher*,
 2d Son of *William Viscount Bourcher*, Lord
Fitzwarren jure Uxorio, who had issue
Hilline Lord *Fitzwarren*, who had issue *John*
Lord of Bath, who had issue *John Earl* -
Earl of Bath, who had issue *John Earl of*
Bath, who had issue *John Lord Fitzwar-*
ren, patre vivente; who had issue *Wil-*
liam Countrie of *Bath*, a Lover of Anti-
 quity, as I have heard. I stand in doubt
 whence *Adam* the—of *Bidulph*, and the
 rest of the *Audley's* derive themselves
 first; methinks they should descend from
 the *Verdons*; and to that Opinion doth in-
 duce me, both the Armory, and that *Nich.*
de Verdon did confirm to *Henry Audley*,
 the Mannor of *Audley* bore-fretted, with
 a Canton charged: For I have seen two
 Seals of *Henry Audley*; the one was fret-
 ted, and a Canton charged with a Cross,
 the other was the same, but that the Can-
 ton was charged with a Lyon Saliant. But
James Lord Audley, that lived in *Henry*
 3ds time, left the Canton, and counter-
 charged the *Collar* bearing Gules fretted;
 so that both the Tenure of *Audley* Man-
 nor, whereof we doubt the *Audleys* took
 their Name, and the imitating *Verdon's*
 Armory, may seem to make a probable
 Conjecture that the first of the *Audley's*
 was a younger Brother of the *Verdons*;

John

Earl.

*Adam the
father of
Bidulph*

colour

unless a Man will say he bears his Armour
(sine) ratione tenure, and that having before
 other Lands; as indeed I find that One
Lydulphus was, about the same time that
Lydulphus de Audley lived Sheriff of the
 County of Chester, and this *Lidulphus de*
Audley were both one Person, as it might
 well be; and after *Verdon* had given him
Audleigh, he seated himself there, and so
 was called *Lydulph de Audley*. To certifye
 which, the common Report is, that the
 Lord *Audley* did bear the Butterfly of
 old; and I my self, have seen a Copy of
 an old Roll of Armory, intituled *Arma No-*
bilium de Com. Stafford. porte de ore, Che-
veron de Gules; and not much after the
 Roll hath, *Antiquiora Insignia de Aud-*
ley, Or Butterflies of Argent, &c. John
Chandose, port de Argent, pyle de Gules;
 whereby it appears the said Roll was made
 in *Edw. 3d's* time. And besides in *Staf-*
ford Church, stands together six Butterflies
 Argent, a Pyle Gules; it being well known
 that Sir *Ja. d' Audley*, and Sir *John Chan-*
dose were great Companions in Arms about
 that time. So that by this means it may
 be inferr'd, that *Lydulphus* and his Ance-
 stors were an ancient House standing of
 themselves, and not descending from *Ver-*
don Paternally, but after coming to *Aud-*
ley, either by Perquisition, or having
Audley

Audley given him in *France* Marriage, either *ratione tenure* *consanguinitatis*, as I have known others have done, they changed the Armory from the Butterflies, to the Frett; but this Matter I will leave as doubtful as I find it, Disputed by you, or any else that are better acquainted with the Antiquity of that House. Howbeit, this is to be Noted, that the Rolls bring in Sir *John Chandoise* a Man of the Nobility of *Staffordshire*, as indeed I take it, he was a *Staffordshire*-Man, although I cannot yet learn where the Seat of his House should be; and yet I find *Teste* to a Deed —Kt, and *William Chandoise* were Witnesses to a Deed, whereby *Robert Owen* passed certain Lands in *Marchinton*, by the Forrest of *Needwood*, which were given him by *William Earl Ferrars*; and also that *William Chandoise* and *Roger*, were both Witnesses to a Deed passed of Lands in *Dracoate* under *Needwood* about the same time; whereby it should seem that the Seat of their House should be about *Needwood*, whereunto their Armory doth correspond.

*Of note
Dorby shire
family for
500. years
of Radbord
in that shire*

BUT to return to my Purpose; the River of *Sow* being past *Madely*, washeth the sides of the Manour of *Whitmore*, being sometimes Forrest-Lands, which it leaveth on the East part. *Whitmore* was

anciently the Seat of the *Whitmores*, and since of the *Bobuns*, and now of *Edw. Manareing*, whose Father *Edw.* Married the Daughter and Heir of *Bobun* alias *Bonghye*, as I have before remembred.

SOW being passed *Whitmore*, leaveth on the West side *Charlton*, sometimes the *Lords* of the Barony of *Stafford*, and so passeth between *Swinerton*, leaving it Eastward, and *Charlton* Westward.

Swinerton is a goodly large Manour, possessed by a Race of Gentlemen, of the Name of which, divers were Knights, and as some think, were Owners thereof from the time of the Conquest. That *Aslam*, whom I take to be the first Ancestor of the *Swinertons*, held the same of *Robert de Stafford*, until this our present Age. That the last, *Humph.* left his Lands to his two Daughters; whereof *Margaret* the Elder, was Married to *Henry Vernon* of *Sudbury*, to whom she brought the Manour of *Hilton*, *Sugential*, &c. and the Younger, was first Married to *William Fitzherbert*, by whom she had issue *Thomas*; and since the death of her Husband *Fitzherbert*, she is Married to *Francis Gattacre*; and hath for her Property, as our Lawyers say, *Swinerton*, *Charleton*, and *Swines-head* adjoining thereto, is possessed, and hath been since before the time of *Edw.* 1. by the
Brough-

Broughtons; in whose time *Rogerus de Broughton* held the same of the Bishop of *Exeter* of the Manour of *Eccleshall*, by the Service of half a Knights Fee, and to find fourteen Men at the Chace of *Padmore*, and thrice in the Year every time three Days, every Man his Diet by the Day being worth a Halfpenny; and also two Plows in Winter; ~~for~~ two Days, and two in *Lent* for two Days without Diet, to Plow the Lord's Demesne where the Lord will within the Manour; and the Diet for every Plow is worth 4*d*. He is also to find to the Lord fourteen Men to Reap in Harvest, or else to pay 5*s*. 9*d*, and the Lord shall Heriot, and also he shall keep Ward at the Castle of *Eccleshall* for the space of forty Days, at his own proper Charges.

A little farther West, adjoyning to *Charlton*, is *Maer*, and *Aston*, a fair Manour, sometime divided betwixt *William de Maer*, and *Stafford*, 20 Conq. *Olivet* held *Maer*, *Madely* and *Norton*, of *Robert de Stafford*; but after these Manours were so divided, that the Heirs of *Robert de Stafford*, as I suppose, had *Madely*, and the one moiety of *Maer*, and Sir *William de Maer* had *Norton*, and the other part of *Maer*; but how it came to be divided, I cannot yet learn. Yet I find that *Edward de Maer* about King *John's* time, had

amongst

quarter part *Ville de Maer*, ex *Con. Guliel. Brefford*; and immediately after I find, that *Robert* the Son of *Edward de Maer*, *Alexander* the Son of *William de Maer*, and *Warryne de Ferrars* were Partners of a part of *Maer*, and that *Sir William Maer* Knight had another part of *Maer*, I think a Moiety against the other Co-partners. After all these Divisions, that is to say in *Hen. 3^{ds}* time, and 9 year of *Edward* the 2^d, Record says, that *Tho. de Haylegh-ton* was Lord of *Maer*, but I think he had not the whole Manour, but some good part thereof, and there accounted of the whole, tho' he was but of part, as I have seen some others of like sort to be recorded; but in the end as I have said, *Stafford* had a Moiety which he parted with, and divers other Lands, now the Inheritance of the *Macklesfields*, in exchange of *Ralph* the Son of *John Macklesfield*, ~~in exchange~~ the Son of *John Leigh*, the 3^d Son of *John Leigh* of *Adlington*, for his House in *Macclesfield*, and his other Lands, and for his Manour of— and *Bosley*, the Lands that *Macclesfield* had in exchange, was as I take it, the Moiety of *Maer*, and also the fourth part of *Milwich*, certain Lands in *Audley*, *Nutborow*, and *Bettherton*; this *Ralph Macclesfield* had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Francis*, who had issue *Ralph*, who

who had issue *William*, now owner of the greater part of *Maer* and *Aston*.

THE *Maer* takes its Name from *Maer* a Lake or standing Water, which is the Head of *Tame*, and which passeth Westward thence into *Shropshire*, and thence into *Severn*. There is in *Maer* an indifferent large steep Hill which hath been fortified with a great double Trench, and a very thick Wall, whereof some Ruins do yet remain; in which there is also a Spring of Water; this Hill is to this day called the *Burrow*, which also argueth that some ancient Town hath been there builded; it is North West from *Penk* 12 Miles, and 15 plain West from *Uttoxiter*, and from *Congleton* about 12 Miles plain South.

TAME takes it Course from the *Maer* Westward, washing the South Banks thereof, leaving upon the South *Ashley* a divided Manour, whereof *Tho. Aston* of *Aston* in *Cheshire* hath two parts, and Sir *Thomas Gerrard* Knight Marshal, and Son of Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, late Master of the Rolls the 3d part. *Ashley* was sometimes of *Warrinus de Burwardessey* in *Shropshire*; who had issue *Philip* his Son, and three Daughters; *Philip* died without issue, his eldest Sister was Married to Sir *Walter Bromley* Knight, the 2d Sister was Married to *Bishnie*, or *Bewshine*, for he bears

bears 3 *Cressents*, who had issue *Warrane Bishine*, who had issue *Sir Walter Bishine*; the 3^d Sister was Married to *Leyton*, or *Leyton*, who had issue *John de Leyton*, as being a Town standing near *Penk*; one might say, a Town standing in an Isle, or in the Meadows; for I have very anciently seen a Meadow written by the Name of *Eye*, and this *Eyton* is commonly called by the Name of *Walter Eyton*; *John de Eyton* had issue *Thomas*, who passed his part of *Ashley* to *Sir Tho. Bessyne Knight*, Son of the aforefaid *Sir Walter Bishine*. *Sir Robert Bromley* before spoken of had issue *John*, and *Robert*, as I take it; *John* had issue *Alice*, Married to *John Fradshawe*; *Rob. Bromley* had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Thomas*, who died without issue, and *Margaret* Married to *William Herstall*, who had issue *Humph Herstall*, that died without issue, and *Jone* Married to *Sir John Bromley Knight*. This *Sir John* was the Son of *William*, the Son of *Sir John*, Captain of *Dapront Stuart*, and Great Constable of *Boswill le Ross*, and the *Marshes* 5 of *Hen. 5*. This *Sir John* was the Son of *William Ammiable*, the Daughter and Heir of *Matthew* of *Chettleston*. This *William* was the Son of *John*, who was the Son of *Ralph*, the Son of *Richard*, the Son

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Hawt or 59.*

Walter

Bradshaw

Son of the aforenamed *Geffry*, Son of the aforefaid Sir *Walter Bromley* Knight, and *Jone* the Daughter of *William Herftall* had issue *Margaret*, Married to Sir *William Stanley* of *Hoeton* Knight, *Margaret* Married to Sir *John Harpur* Knight, and *Elizabeth* to *William Needham*, of whom is descended *Robert Needham* of *Shaventon* in *Shropshire*. Sir *William Stanley* had issue *Margaret*, Married to Sir *Tho. Gerard* of *Etwel*, Knight, now living, who fold the third part of *Ashley*, and all *Bromley*, and a Hamlet of *Eccleshall*, being the ancient Lands of the *Bromleys* of these Countries, took their Surnames, to Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight, late Master of the Rolls, Father of Sir *Tho. Gerrard* Knight Marshal, now living. Sir *Gilbert* in his old Age built a very fair new House of Stone at *Bromley*, and lies buried in *Ashley* Church-yard; where *Thomas* his Son hath built a Chappel, and bestowed great Cost on a Monument for him. Sir *Tho. Bessyne* before spoken of, had issue, another Sir *Walter Bessyne*, who had issue *Jone Bessyne*, Married (as I take it) to Sir *Charlton* Knight, who had issue a Daughter and Heir Married to Sir *William Clopton* Knight, who had issue a Daughter and Heir, Married to *John Harewell* of *Wootton* in *Warwickshire*, who had issue
John

John Harewell, who had Issue *Brufilda*, one of the Daughters and Heirs, Married to *Tho. Aston* of *Aston* in *Cheshire*, Father of *John Aston*, Father of *Thomas* now living, Lord of two parts of *Ashley*.

A Mile further Westward stands *Mucleston*, sometimes the Lands of of the West Countries, and lately Sold to Sir *Tho. Offley* Kt. late Lord Mayor of *London*; 20 Conquest, one of the *Jennings* held *Muccestone*.

But to return to the River of *Sow*, which being past *Charlton*, leaveth *Standon*; on the same side of *Standon* was the Land of the Conquest one *Bryan*, and in *Henry 3d's* time one *Vivianus*; this *Vivian* had Issue *Thomas*, and *Vivian*, after whom Sir *Tho. Dutton* Kt. Son of Sir *Hugh Dutton* in *Cheshire* Kt. Married *Philippa* Daughter of the elder *Vivian*, and Sister of *Thomas* and *Vivian*, who, as I take it, had issue by her, Sir *Robert Dutton*, who bear *Dutton's* Arms, with a blue Label; I think he had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Vivian*, *Dominus de Standon*, that lived in 23d *Edward 3d*, and bear quarterly *Erm & Gules*, as *Dutton* of *Dutton* in *Cheshire* does; since *Standon*, came *Essex* of *Berkshire*, of whom the last Sir *Thomas* sold it in Fee-Farm to *Uyse* and others, reserving the

the old Rents, Herriots, and Services,
Etc.

SOW being past, *Standon*: leaveth on the North East *Coates*, the antient House of *Coates* of *Woodwaite* in *Shropshire*, in the time of *Hen. 3d*, *Rob. de Coth's*, or *Coates*, for both ways I find it written, in the same time was Lord of *Coates*. It seems the *Coates* would derive themselves from *Knightleys*, or else they do them wrong, by usurping the Armory.

On the Southwest of *Sow*, lieth *Mulne-meese*, the Inheritance of the *Harcottes* of *Ranton*.

The Land of *Roger Charnes* 24 Ed. 1. who held it then of the Prior, of *SE Thomas* *Saint* by the 4th part of a Knight's Fee, and the Prior of *Henry* of *Charnes*, who held it over of *Nigellus de Longford*, and he of the Bishop, who held it of the King by the same Service, and now *John Young* is the owner thereof, where is the Seat of the *Youngs* of *Staffordshire*.

I read that about King *John's* time, there was one Sir *Robert Sugenhall* Knight, who I suppose was Lord of one or both of *Sugenhalls*, about 24 Edw. 1. Great *Sugenhall* was a divided Manour between *Roger* the Son of *Stephen de Offley*, and one *Johnson*, of the same *Stephen*, and *John Mursell*, who had quarter part thereof
per

per quar. par. feudi, &c. of the Bishop. after I read, that there was one *Henry de Sugenhall* who lived 35 *Edw. 3d.* Little *Sugenhall* and *Dorflow* hard by, was ~~Hold~~ *per John de Parva* Sugenhall to the Bishop, by *octavam partem Feodi*, 24 *Edw. 1.*

SOW being past, *Mulnemeese*, entereth into *Norton*, and *Shawford*, and *Half Hyde*, all in *Chebsy*; *Norton* takes its Name as lying North from *Chebsy*; as if a Man might say the North Town of *Chebsy* was sometimes *Delvesland*, I think *Richard Delves* was Lord thereof in *Edw. 3d's* time, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Sir John Delves* Knight, who had issue another *Sir John Delves* Knight, who had issue *Helen* a Daughter, Married to *Sir Robert Sheffield de Butterwick*; in which Line of *Sheffield* it continued till this present Lord *Sheffield*, Sold the same to *Sir Stephen Slany*, late Lord Mayor of *London*.

SLINDON lies also very near on the same side, *Sow*, 24 *Edw. 1.* *Rob. Slindon* held the same of *Robert Hastings*, *per quar. pt. feodi*, and he the same over of the Bishop, &c.

IN *Darlaveston*, now call'd *Darlaston*, is a good and large steep Hill, on the height

height whereof be the Ruins of either
some Town, or some very large House.
The report of the Country is, that this
Place was sometimes the Habitation of
Wolfridus King of *Mercia*; and to confirm
the same, I have seen an old Copy which
treateth of the Foundation of the Priory
of *Stone*, and affirmeth as much, which
is not unlike; for that *Stone* where this
Wolfridus was Martyr'd, is but a Mile
off. There are in *Staffordshire* two *Dar-*
lastons. Of the other I mean to speak
hereafter, where the Place requires.

THIS *Darlaston* was holden 20 Conq.
by the Abbot of *Burton*, given to one
Ormus de Guidon, and *Robert* his Son,
born of the Daughter of *Nicholas Beau-*
champ, Sheriff of *Staffordshire*, who had
issue by this *Aliva Ingulphus de Gresley*,
who had issue *Avicia* or *Hawissa de Dar-*
laston and *Petronella*. *Avicia* was Mar-
ried to *Henry Verdon*, which ^{Henry} 9 Edw. 2d,
was Lord thereof, but who have been
Owners of it ever since, I cannot yet learn,
more than that *James Collier*, ^{in the time of} Hen. 8. pur-
chased the same, and almost all *Stone*, be-
ing a Thorowfair-Town from *London*, in-
to *Ireland*, *Cheshire*, and *Lancashire*, and
a pretty Market-Town, and also a
goodly Farm, lying within a Mile from
Trent Southward, and within two Miles
of

Darlaston

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of *Stone*: It was sometime a Grange, sometime belonging to the Abby of *Cumbermaer*, and was to them given by *Robert de Baskerville*, and confirmed by *Hugh Lacy*, being called *Earle-Hyde*; which Name I suppose was so given it, by reason it was in the Hands of *Comes Rogerius Mongomerici* in the Conquest, and containeth one Hyde of Land; as if one might say, It is the Earl's Hyde. *James Collier* before spoken of, had Issue *Robert Collier*, who had issue *James* deceased, who Sold *Stone* and *Darlaston* to his Father-in-Law *Robert Needham* of *Shenton* in *Shropshire*, and *Earle-Hyde* to his Brother *Christopher*, also dead.

I can find nothing of *Stone* in *Doomesday-Book*, I think it should be *Stone* which was then in the King's Hands; so it may be well if a Man conceive the C, is mistaken for a T, J. *Stone* was sometime a Nunnery, Founded by *Ermanilda*, Wife of the afore-named *Wolfridus* King of *Mercia*, which so continued till about the Conquest, when one *Ensanus*, by the Advice of his Kinsman *Geffery Denlyinton*, Chamberlain to the King *Chanaus*, whose Son Forfeited the same, and then it was given to the Baron *de Stafford*, and was much encreased by the Barons and Earls of *Stafford*, whose Burial place it was for a long time after-

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afterwards ; for there lay Buried the most
of them ; as *Robert* first Baron after the
Conquest, and *Avicia* his Wife, and *Ni-*
cholas 2d Baron, and *Matilda* his Wife ;
Robert 3d Baron, and *Anastatia* his Wife,
and *Hervy Baggot* 4th Baron, in right of
his Wife *Millesent*, Daughter and Heir of
the last before-named *Robert Hervey*, Son
of *Hervy Baggot*, and *Millesent* his Wife,
5th Baron, and *Petronella* his Wife, also
Robert his Son, 6th Baron, and both
his Wives ; which *Robert* obtained the
freedom of the House from *Kennelworth*,
to which before it was subject ; and also
Nicholas his 7th Son, Baron, and also the
Heart of *Hugh* 2d Earl of *Stafford*, Son
of *Ralph* first Earl of *Stafford*, which
Hugh died at *Rhodes*, and the Body of
Phillippa his Wife was buried at *Stone* ;
the Heart was brought hither by *John*
Hinckley Esquire, from *Rhodes* ; also
Thomas the 3d Earl was buried at *Stone*.
Now the said Priory and Demesnes there-
of, is in the Possession of *William Crompton*,
who has seated himself there. This
William was the Son of *William Crompton*
a Merchant in *London*, who purchased the
same Priory presently after the dissolution
thereof.

TRENT takes its Course by *Stone*,
and passeth between *Walton* and *Stoke*,
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and *Aston* and *Birston*, all or the most part thereof the Lands at this day of *Walter Heningham*, descended of the *Heningshams* of *Suffolk*; for *Walter* was the Son of *Christopher*, who was the Son of *Erasmus*, a younger Brother of the House of *Heningshams* in *Suffolk*; which *Erasmus* Married the Daughter and Heir of *Walter Moyle* of *Kent*, who before Married *Isabel* Daughter and Heir of *John Stanley*, Son and Heir of *Humph. Stanley* Kt. Baronet, *Ellen* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Sir Ja. Leigh* Kt. Son and Heir of *William Leigh* of *Knightly*, and *Maud* his Wife, owner of *Aston*, *Burston*, *Stoak-Walton* of more antient time; that is to say, about 34 *Hen. 3d*, *Walton* and half of *Aston* were the Lands of one *Sir Richard Venables*, Kt. Son of *Sir William Venables*, Baronet, of *Kinderton*, which *Richard* had Issue *Thomas Venables*, who had *William*, who lived in the 15th *Edw.* 3. The other half of *Aston*, and half of *Burston*, continued from *Hen. 3d*'s time, to *Hen. 4th*'s time, of the Race of Gentlemen, called *Marshalls*, all the Names whereof were *Roberts*, a thing to be misliked, tho' many I know after their Parent's Names; but considering if any thing should fall to be in controversie, whereby he should be forced to plead his descent,

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descent, it would be very difficult for a Man to make proof thereof, and to know which was the *Donor*, and to distinguish one from another; where, if they be of several Names, the Descent will be easily found out; so that a Man may plead it, and be in no danger by laying down his Descent. *Stoke* was the Inheritance of the *Hinckleys*, a Race of Knights in this County; but how they were all outed, or how it came to the Possession of *William Leigh*, and *Maud* his Wife, I cannot yet learn, neither how they came to be divided; for 20 Conq. they all were the Lands of *Robert de Stafford*. -

TRENT having past between *Walton*, and *Stoke*, enters between *Aston*, and *Stoke*, and after between *Aston* and *Sandon*, leaving *Aston* Southwards, and *Sandon* Northwards, which takes its beginning within little more than a Mile of *Stone*, following *Trent* for a space; but being cut off by *Burston*, comes not again to the Banks thereof, till *Trent* be past both this and *Barston*, which I suppose was a Member of *Sandon*, for that the Conqueror gave to *Rob. de Stafford*, *per Vergat terra in parva Sandon*, which I take to be this *Burston*, being to this day holden of the Baron *de Stafford*, and so is no other Lands in *Sandon* of the Queen, as

of her Honours of *Tutbury*, a Member of her Dutchy of *Lancaster*, *Sandon* contains these Hamlets, viz. *Great Sandon*, *Little Sandon*, *Haidwick*, *Small Vise*, *Dra-coate*, *Leighs-Newton*, and *Cresswell*, and I suppose hath of ancient time before the Conquest, also contained that *Burweston*, which standing West from *Little Sandon*, and *Little Sandon* also West from *Great Sandon*, wherever was the Seat of the Manour, and wherethe Parish Church now standeth. I suppose it was called *Burweston*, or rather *Foreweston*, as being farther West from *Great Sandon*, than *Little Sandon*. In this *Burweston* was sometime a Chapel, a Place in old time visited for Devotion. The Report is, That *Wol-fadus* the Pagan King of *Mercia* seeking to Tyranize over the Christians; and finding *Wol-fadus* and *Rufinus* his two Sons to exercise the Christian Religion, in his Cruelty sought also to persecute them, but they seeking to escape by flight, *Wol-fadus* was soon taken, and Martyred at *Stone*; but *Rufinus* the youngest escaping farther, sought to hide himself, where lately this Chapel stood, being a Place in those days full of Groves and Woods; for all *Sandon* at that time of the Conquest, which was Conquered after this Age, was Forrest-Lands, and being there found,

found, was there Martyr'd. *Sandon* 20
 Conquest was in the King's Hands, but
 presently after, as I think, it was by him
 givento *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, who passed it
 over to *William* Baron *Malbank*, of which
Malbank had Issue *Hugh Malbank*, who
 founded the Abby of *Cumbermaer*, and
 had issue *William Malbank*, who gave
 the Churches of *Acton* in *Cheshire*, *Al-*
stonfield and *Sandon* in *Staffordshire*, with
 their Chapels, of which, *Malbank*, *Min-*
shall, *Wrinberry* and *Darryford* to the said
 Abbey. *William* had issue four Daughters,
Philippa, *Adis*, *Alditha*, or *Edelia*, and
Elisia; *Philippa* was Married to *Thomas*
Basset, Bar. of *Haddington*,^{Oxon} and had issue
Philippa, Wife of *Henry* Earl of *War-*
wick, and *Jone* the Wife of *Valeterta*,^{De Valletorta}
 after of *William Courtney*; *Adis* or *Ado-*
ner, I think, died unmarried; but if she
 were, she had no issue, but gave most of
 her Lands to *Adelego*, and after to *War-*
ren de Verdon. *Hugh de Alterbus* had
 issue *Hugo*, which *Hugo* the Son granted
 all his Lands in *Cheshire*, *Bucks*, and *Staf-*
fordshire, to *Warren Verdon* his Brother,
 and to the Heirs of *Warren* his Brother,
Warren Verdon the Father had issue, the
 said *Warren* the Son of *Ralph* a Priest, the
 Priest claiming as Heir Male; and in the
 end it was compounded that the Sister

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should have but the Manour of *Leftwick*, and other Lands, amounting to the Moiety of the Barony, and *Seybrook*, and that other Moiety of the Barony and Lands, with the Honour, should remain to the Priest. Sir *Richard Millbroome* and *Margaret* his Wife had issue; *Maud* Married to *Rob. Winington*, who had issue *Richard*, that was called *Leftwick*, after the Name of his House. Of this *Richard* came the *Leftwicks* in *Cheshire*, and *Agnes* Married to *Rich.* the Son of *d'Lostock*. Sir *William Stafford* and *Adilla* had issue, Sir *William Stafford* Kt. who had issue a 3d *William*, who had issue Sir *James Stafford* Kt. and Sir *John Stafford* Kt. Sir *James* had issue *Margaret*, his only Daughter and Heir Married to *Tho. Erdswick*, 12 *Edw.* 3. *Tho. Erdswick* and *Margaret* his Wife had issue another *Thomas*, who had issue *Hugh*, *Robert*, *Sampson*, and *Henry*. *Hugh*, *Robert* and *Sampson* died without issue, *Henry* had issue *Hugh*, who had issue another *Hugh*, who had issue a 3d. *Hugh*, and *Sampson*. *Hugh* the elder Brother died without issue. *Sampson* had issue *Hugh*, who had issue *Sampson*, the Collector of this Book, and all that is herein written.

T R E N T having passed betwixt *Sandon*, and *Enstone*, a Seat of the *Bereford*s;

fords; washeth also the Banks of *Salt*. 2d Conquest. *Gilbertus* held *Salt* of *Robert de Stafford*; but because the same is now in Contention, *Chetwind* claimeth *Salt* as a Member of his Manour of *Ingestry*, and certain others of inferior Estate; Intituling themselves as Lords in Common of the said Manour; every one *per rata*, he speaks no more of it.

TRENT being past *Sandon*, entreth between *Salt* and *Weston*, though it be a Parish of it self, yet it is reputed to be a Member of *Chartley* in *Weston*, above *Trent*.

TRENT receiveth on the North East side a pretty Brook which taketh its beginning at *Hilderston* Town. 44 Conquest, one *Robert Baggot* and his Wife held it of the Baron *de Stafford*; and presently after, viz. 12 *Edw.* 1. one *Vitalis* held *Hilderstone* of *Robert de Stafford*; and in *Henry 3d's* time, one *Robert de Huglesford* was Lord thereof, who had issue *William*, who had issue *John Huglesford*, who lived in 21 and 31 of *Edw.* 3. since it came to Sir *John Delves*, who had issue *Hellen*, his Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *Robert Sheffield* Knight, Recorder of *London*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Edm.* now Lord *Sheffield*, who sold it to his Brother *Christopher*, who had issue

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John Lord Sheffield, who sold it to *Robert Collier*, whose Son *James* has lately sold it to *Sir Gilbert Gerrard*, late Master of the Rolls.

The said Brook passing from *Hilderston*, to *Milwich*, is called *Milwich-brook*. *Milwich* is a fair Lordship, consisting of *Milwich*, *Garshall* and *Goreinghall*, commonly called *Gorman*, and *Cotton* of *Milwich* was Lord in time of the said Conquest one *Hugo*, and in *Hen. 3d's* time, *Milwich*, *Garshall* and *Cotton* were equally divided betwixt *Robert de Milwich*, and *Geffrey de Nugent*. And in *9th Edw. 2d*, *Hugo de Okever*, as I think, by Inheritance had *Robert* of *Milwich's* part, *Geffrey de Nugent* having had issue *Philip Nugent*; I think his part was divided betwixt *Philip's* two Daughters; whereof the one was Married to *Grindon*, who had issue *Sir Robert Grindon Kt.* and the other, as I take it, was Married to *Jordanus de Hextall*, who had issue *Henry de Hextall*, and *Henry*, in whose Line it continued 'till *Henry 6.* and then one *Hugo de Hextall* had issue *William*, which *William* Married *Margaret* Daughter and Heir of *William Bromley*, by whom he had *Humphrey*, who died without issue. *Jone* Married to *John Bromley* of *Ba*
Warrington, and *Margaret* Married to *Ri-*
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chard Petit, between whom it was divided, from John Bromley and Margaret his Wife; his part descends to Sir Thomas Gerrard, who living as you may perceive, by that I shall say hereafter; who sold it to Ralph Adderley, and he again sold it to John Orchard of Garringshall, who was Owner thereof, 1596. and John Orchard sold it again to Richard Hulburt, which Richard had issue, William and Richard, which William is now Owner thereof. 1654. Richard Petit had issue John, who had issue John, who had issue Richard and John, who sold their interest to John Allen of Milwich, Father of Richard Allen Owner thereof, 1569. which Richard had issue one Daughter, Married to Richard Bowyer; which Richard Bowyer sold the same to Richard Adshed, born at Torkinton in Cheshire, and by Trade an Upholsterer; but leaving off his Trade, was Yeoman of the Wardrobe to Thomas Earl of Stafford, Lord Treasurer of England in King James's time, under whom he enriched himself, and was Married to one Cassandra Green, a Kinswoman to Alderman Caudswell, who left her a good Portion, with which she purchased the same Land. This Thomas Adshed had issue Thomas Ashed, unto whom he left the same Estate; which Thomas sold it to

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to *John Crompton*, 2d Son, as I take it, to *Sir Thomas Crompton* Kt. who is now Owner thereof (1654.) and after *John Petile* had issue *Thomas Petile* of *Perstall*, Father of *Thomas Box*, living (1569.) *Grindon's* part came to the Earl of *Stafford*, who in *Hen. 6.* time gave the same to *Ralph Macclesfield*, with other Lands in Exchange of *Macklesfield's* Land in *Macklesfield*, and other places in *Cheshire*, as I shall also remember hereafter, where you may see more of *Macklesfield's* time. *Okeover* held his Moiety till *Hen. 6th's* time, or thereabouts, and then it came, I know not by what means, to one *William Broadshawe*, in whose time it continued till *Hen. 8th's* time, and then one *William Broadshawe* sold it to *Sir John Aston*, Great Grandfather of the last *Sir Edward Aston*, in whose time it continued till *Walter Lord Aston*, Father of the now Lord *Aston* (1654.) sold the Capital House with the Demesnes, to *Edward Aston* now Owner thereof, and the rest of the Tenements with the Mill, except one in *Cotton*, he sold to *Ralph Baby*, a Merchant, who Married the Sister of the said *Edward Aston*; and having by her no issue, left the greatest part of the said Tenements to *Walter Aston*, Son of the said *Edward*, and the Fee-Farm Rent of the rest, to the

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the said *Walter* now living, (1564) *Cotton* formerly spoken of, came to the *Masterton's* of *Cheshire*, but by what manner I know not. And *Thomas Masterton* in King *Charles's* time sold the same to the afore-named *Thomas Adshed*, who left the same to *Thomas* his Son, who sold the Tenants every one his own, and made them all Free-holders, 1652.

This Brook, as not worth a particular Name, being past *Milwich*, entreth into *Gaiton*, where it is called *Gaiton-brook*, of *Gaiton*, was Lord in the Conquest time one *Ularicus*, and in the beginning of *Hen. 3d's* time one *Gilbertus*, which *Gilbertus*, as I think, had issue five Daughters, between whom *Gaiton* was divided; of which, the Eldest, *Agnes*, was Married to *Thomas Meverrill*; the 2d, *Ellenor*, to *Roger Marchington*; the 3d, *Isole*, to *Ralph Montgomery*; the 4th, *Jone*, to *John Grindon*; the 5th, *Amicia*, had issue *Isabell*, Married to *Henry Kingston*, and *Agnes*, Married to *Richard Dracoate Meverrill*; his part came to one *Cotton*, who sold it to one *Walter*, late Lord Viscount: *Marchington's* part descended to *Montgomery*, the last of which named, had issue two Daughters; one Married Sir *John Vernon* Kt. who had issue *Henry*, who had Issue *John Vernon*, who was living (1569.)

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The other was Married to Sir *Tho. Gifford* Kt. who had issue by her a Daughter, Married to Sir *John Porcey*, who had issue three Daughters; the Eldest Married to Sir *Thomas Gerrard* Kt; the 2d, to Sir *Thomas Stanbope* Kt; the 3d, to Sir *Geo. Hastings*, now Earl of *Huntington*, who had all parts of *Gaiton* in his Properties, and most of *Montgomeries* also, except one Tenement, which *John Vernon* hath now sold to *Walter Fowler*. Sir *George Hastings* hath fold his part to divers, but the best Farms to *John Erdswick*, 2d Son of *Sampson Erdswick*, who had issue *Walter*

Gayton was 6th and *John* both living (1596.) and the said *Walter* yet living (1654.) ^{was} 2d Son *Bryan Fowler*, 2d Son of *Roger Fowler*, Father of *Walter*, (now) living, (1596.) The rest to *Sherrard Dawson*, and *Good-son* of *wine*, his Tenements of their three Mes- suages; *Montgomeries* part came to *Blount*, Lord *Mountjoy*, and from him, I think, it came to *Montgomeries* hand. *John Grin-* don and *Jane* his Wife had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Adam*, who had issue *John Grindon*, who had issue *Hellen*, and *Margaret*, *Elline* had issue a Daughter, who Married to *William Trussel*; *Margaret* Married to *John Haurcoate*, *Jane* Married to *Thomas Littleton*, and another Daughter Married to *John Perwig*, by whom

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whom she had issue *Richard Perwig*, after to *William Bagot*, and lastly, to *Will. Bagot Digby*, by whom she had issue *John Digby*; but in the end, all *Grindon's* part came by perquisition to *John Hunt* of *London* in *Rutlandshire*, who gave it *John* his younger Son, who sold it to the said *Walter Fowler*: *Knifton's* part came to *Walter Blount*, Lord *Mountjoy*, and from him to *Dracoates*, it came I know not by what means, to one of the Lord *Ferrars* of *Chartley*, from whom it descended to *Robert* Earl of *Essex*, who died without issue; and his Land in *Chartley*, *Gaiton*, and *Hickson*, *Weston*, *Grinley*, *Droynton*, and all the *Chartley Holme*, came to Sir *Robert Shirley* Baronet, now. living, (1654.)

CHARTLET containing the Hamlets afore-mentioned, with some others, is a goodly Manour, and was the Chief Seat of the Lord *Ferrars* of *Chartley*; but as I take it to Conquest, *Chartley* was not so great a thing, for divers of the Hamlets were not then in the Kings own Hands, as *Chartley* was; for you may find in the Book of *Doomsday*, that the Bishop held both all *Haywood* and *Husweeden*, and *Pigott Husweeden* of him, and *Nigellus* of *Pigott*, and the Bishop likewise held *Droynton* and *Nigellus* of him,

him, not long after the Conquest, as I take it, *Chartley* was given to *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, together with *Sandon*; which Earl passing *Sandon* to *William* Baron of *Wich*, *Mallbank* retained *Chartley*, so that it descended to the Sisters of the late *Ralph* Earl of *Chester*, and in partition, it was allotted to *William Ferrars*, Earl of *Darby*; whose Son *Robert* though he lost *Tutbury*, and almost all the rest of his Lands except *Baybrook*, and yet retaining *Chartley*, and left it to his Son, Sir *John Ferrars* Kt. who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Edward*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Agnas*, his only Daughter, and Heir, Married to *Walter Deveren*, who had issue by her *John Deveren* and Lord *Ferrars*, who had issue Viscount *Hereford*, who had issue Sir *Richard Deveren*, that died before his Father, who had issue *Walter* Earl of *Essex*, Father of *Robert* late Earl of *Essex* (1599.) The last *Ralph*, Earl of *Chester*, built the Castle of *Chartley*, the ruins whereof being decayed, the Park is very large, and hath therein Red-Deer, Fallow-Deer, Wild-Beasts and Swine; and now the Owner thereof is Sir *Robert Shirley*, a very Noble Knight.

HALFHIDE was in the Time of *Henry* 3d, the Inheritance of *Robert Cosney*,

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John his gave it to *John* his younger Brother.

SOW being past, *Half-hyde* receiveth in *Chesby-Parish*, *Eccleshall-water*; *Ghebse* as it appears in *Doomsday Book*, was the Lands of one *Humfridus*, who held the same of *Henry de Ferrers*; and not long after, about *Hen. 2d's* time, *Eutropius de* *Hasting*, as Heir to his Mother *Maud*, was Lord of *Chebsey*, *Half-hyde*, *Spawford*, *Norton* and *Walton*, *Nixon* and *Ellenball*, and from whom it descended to *Robert de Hasting*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Robert*, *William*, and *Richard*; *Robert* had issue *John*, who were all Knights; which *John* had issue *Katherine*, one of his Daughters and Heir, Married to *Ralph*, first Earl of *Stafford*, but had no issue by him; and *Maud* Married to *Ralph Stafford* of *Grafton*, 2d Son of Sir *John Stafford*, a 2d Brother of Sir *James Stafford* of *Sandon Kt.* *Ralph Stafford* had issue Sir *Humph. Stafford*, who had issue Sir *Humphry Stafford*, Lieutenant of *Calais*, who had issue *Humphry*, who had issue Sir *Humphry*, who had issue Sir *William Stafford*, late Husband of the Lady *Dorothy Stafford* of the Court, Sister of *Ed. Lord Stafford*, and Mother of Sir *Ed. Stafford*, then both living, who sold the same to *Roger Harcourt*, Uncle to

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to Sir *Walter Harcourt* Kt. then living. *Walton* in *Hen. 2d's* time, was held of one *Alvicia de Walton*, who was Married to *Peter Gifford*, from whom it descended to *Peter Gifford* their Son, who had issue Sir *John Gifford*; of whose Descent see where I speak of *Chillington*.

Eccleshall-water taketh its beginning Westwardly, but not far from *Adbaston*, 20 Conquest, the Bishop held *Adbaston* of the King, being now the Seat of the *Bro-docks*, which I take to be, *ab Origine*, *Cheshire* Men, and descended from the *Lo-stocks*, so I have a piece of Evidence importing; for *Richardus filius Richardis* *Lostock*, dedit *Richardo filii Letitia de Tabeleigh Terram suam apud Brodhoc*; of which no doubt *Brodocs* took their Sir name. Moreover, it would so also seem by *Brodocs* Armory, being *Argent* a Greyhound in a Border engrailed *Sables*; and *Lostocks* is *Argent* *ague* *Leveire*, save without the *Order*; and about *Edw. 4's* time, one of his Ancestors Married the only Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Griffin* of *Cheshire*; another Argument of his being of *Cheshire*.

Eccleshall-water also leaveth *Amington*, being the Lands of *William Butler*, 9 *Ed. 2.* and sometimes the Lands of *Ralph Premonile*, or *Warmoure*, something Westwardly

wardly from it; and so it doth *Fleetsbrook*, otherwise *Flassenbrooke*, 20 Conq. *Fleetsbrook* was in the King's Hands, and 24 *Edw. 1.* was the Seat of *Richardus de Pulsdon*, who had issue *Jordanus de Pulsdon*, who had issue *Jordaine*; in whose Race by the Sirname of *Jordaines* it continued till about *Hen. 6.* or *Edw. 4.* time, when one *Browne* who was Barber to *Henry Duke of Buckingham*, and thereof took the Sirname of *Barber*, Married as I take it, to *Jordain's* Heir.

Eccleshall-water having gathered it self with a pretty Brook, runneth by *Bishops-Offley*: *Offebecia* held it of the Bishop 20 Conq. and after; it was about the time of *Edw. 1.* the Inheritance of *Tho. Caverswall* which had it in Frank Marriage given him by *William de Chedleton*, with *Jone* his Daughter; which *Tho. Caverswall* who Inherited the said Lands as Heir to his Mother, who had issue three Daughters; as I take it, one Married to *Adam Pershall*, another to *William Tronowine*, and a 3d Married to *Knighton*, in the Division of *John Caverswall's* Lands. *Bishops-Offley* was allotted to *Adam Pershall* and his Wife, but it would seem that *Caverswall* had not the Seignory of *Bishops-Offley*; for that I find that Sir *John Leybourne Kt.* gave all his Lands, Tene-

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ments, Rents and Services in *Bishops-Offley*, to the said *Adam Pershall*, 19 Ed. 3. whereby it was apparent that the said Sir *John Leybourne* was until then Chief Lord thereof.

Eccleshall-water being past, *Bishops-Offley* entreth *Peshall*, leaving *Horsley* a little Mile Southward, being now the Chief Seat of the *Pershalls*, whom I take to derive themselves *ab origine*, Paternally from the *Swinertons*, for they bear their Armory as moving from them; *Swinertons* bearing *Argent* and a *Cross Fomney* and *Flour* *Sables*; and now the *Pershall's* bearing the same with a *Canton Gules* charged with *Richard* Earl of *Chester*'s Head. But the first Sir *Richard* that I read of, whom I take to be Son of Sir *John Swinerton*, and his Heirs, bear it without the *Canton*, and one charged *Swinerton's* Coat with an *Escutcheon*, which *Ra. 2. Earl of Chester*, viz. *Gules* a *Lyon Saliant Argent*. To fortifie which Opinion, I have seen a Deed made, as I take it, in the time of *Hen. 3.* whereby *Robertus filius Stephani de Pershall* dedit domo *Johan. de Swinerton* totam terram suam cum *Grindonibus* & cum redditibus servitiis homagiis releniis & escaetis ac totam terram quam emit de *Thoma filio Thomæ de Pershall*, and there is

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is *Testis* to the Deed, Sir Robert de Knightly, Rob. de Bromley, Sir Philip de Mitton, Roger de Chawner, Tho. de Tittenzer, ~~John~~ de Raden, Robert de Johnson, &c. The same Sir Richard, as I take it, dwell^{eth} at Pershall, who had issue a younger Son called Adam, which was the Man, as I take it, that took the Canton and Wolfs-head for his difference; for I have seen a Seal of his Son's Sir Richard Pershall, with the same Cross Canton and Wolf's-Head for his Armory. This Adam Married one of the Daughters and Heirs of the afore-named John Caverswall, and had Bishops-Offley by reason thereof; for whose better Advancement, his Father, as I take it, gave him Horsley, to make him a Marriage fit for an Heir; who had issue by her Sir Richard Pershall Kt. who Married ~~John~~ Daughter and Heir of Reynold Son and Heir of Sir John Chetwind of Chetwind Kt. who had issue Richard, Nicholas, and Humphry; Richard had issue Joyce, Married to Pigot, and Isabell to Grosvenor; Nicholas had issue Hugh, who had issue Humphry, who had issue John, who had issue Richard, who had issue Thomas Pershall now of Horsley; which Thomas Pershall had issue John, and they are both living. Humphry Pershall the 3d Brother, had issue Richard

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Pershall, who had issue *Humph.* who had issue Sir *Hugh Pershall* Kt. who had issue *Katherine* his only Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *John Blount* Kt. Father of Sir *Geo. Blount* Kt. and *Angle* the Wife of *Richard Lacon*, Mother of *Richard Lacon*, to whom Sir *George Blount* left all his Lands.

Eccleshall-water being past, *Pershall* approacheth *Eccleshall*, where was an Ancient and fair Castle of the Bishop's, and a pretty Market-Town. *Eccleshall* is a great Manor or Lordship, contains a great number of Villages and Hamlets; as *Flashembrooke*, *Charner*, *Chatchillton*, *Darslow*, *Bretton*, *Leefoard*, *Aston*, *Chuldon*, *Cherry*, *Litton*, *Coates*, *Myse*, *Badenham*, *Slindon*, *Dorpe*, *Bridgford*, *Hasp-ley*, *Crocerton*, *Offley*, and it seems that now *Sugenhall* is reputed as a Member of *Eccleshall*, with the appurtenances thereof. But in *Doomsday-Book* it appears that the Bishop held *Sugenhall* as a distinct Manour, having also divers Members belonging thereto (to wit) *Bromley*, *Tunstall*, *Podmore*, *Swinestead*, *Ellenham*, *Walton*, *Adbaston*, *Woodton*; *Chimton* in *Eccleshall* is the Seat of one of the *Swinertons*, which hath been of a very good Living, but *Edw. Swinerton* lately deceased, hath almost sold it all, and reserved

ved little more than *Iferwood*, his House, and some few Tenements in the same Town.

Eccleshall-water passeth by *Hilcot*, the Seat now of the *Nowells*, who descended from *Nowell* of *Eccleshall*, who by the common Report is reputed to have been a Baron; so that the *Harcoats* of that *Harcounty* Age are of many called Barons of *Eccleshall*. Whereupon such a Report should go I can't conjecture, neither can I think that *Eccleshall* was a Barony, nor any of *Nowell's* Lands; for that all, or the most and the chiefest of them are at this day; and it appears by the Book of *Doomsday*, were at the Conquest holden of the Bishop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, as Members and Parcels of his Manour, or as I rather take it, of his Honour of *Eccleshall*; and that *Nowell* now of *Hilcott* is descended from *Nowell* of *Eccleshall* is both true and apparent; for *Philip* then living was the Son of *Robert*, who was the Son of *James*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *Richard*, the Son of *William*, the Son of *Thomas*, the Son of *Philip*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *Philip*, the younger Brother of *Thomas*, and Son of *Robert*, the Son of *William*, who lived as I take it, about *Henry* the first, or King *Stephen's* time, and then was Lord of *Eccleshall* and

Ranton both of them ; for I take it either he or his Son *Robert* founded the Abby of *Ranton*, *Seybford*, *Cookslaine*, *Bridgfort*, *Worceston*, *Podmore*, *Milnemese*, and the Hall of *Catculme* ; *Ellenhall* the ancient Seat first of the *Nowels*, and since of the *Harcoats* in *Staffordshire*, stands somewhat lower than *Chebsey*, and removed its like a Mile more from *Swinerton*.

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Of *Ellenhall* was Lord as I said before, with son of about *Hen.* first time *William de Nowell*, and he had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Thomas* and *Philip*, to whom he gave *Hilcot*, and certain other Lands lying in *Seighford*, of whose Descent I have spoken of before ; *Thomas Nowell* had issue

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coate had for their parts of *Nowell's* Lands, *Ellenhall*, *Podmore*, *Seighford*, *Milnemese*, and the Moiety of *Catculme*, and *William Dunston* and *Jone* his Wife had *Ranton*, which *Godericus 2d Conq.* held of *Rob. de Stafford*, *Bridgfort*, and *Worceston*. Sir *William Harcoate* and

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Alice his Wife had issue Sir *Richard Harcoate*, who had issue Sir *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Richard*, all Knights. Sir *Richard* had issue *John*, who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue

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Sir Robert, who had issue Sir Robert, Kt. of the Garter; Sir William, and Sir Richard Harcoate both Knights, and John his 4th Son. Sir Robert Harcoate Knight of the Garter had issue, John, Thomas, and Geo. John had issue Sir Robert, Richard, and William, who died all without issue Male, and so did Thomas and George, and their Uncles, and Sir William their Great Uncle, so that all their Lands descended to Sir Simon Harcoate Knight; which Sir Simon Harcoate was the Son of Christopher, the Son of the last repeated Sir Richard; Sir Simon had issue Sir John, who had issue Simon, who had issue Sir Walter Harcoate then living, and was Father of Robert and Michael Harcoate. The Harcoates as it appears by two ancient pieces of Evidence which I have seen presently after their Match with Nowell's Heir, intruded themselves into Nowell's Armory; William Dunston had issue by Jone Nowell his Wife, William Dunston, who had issue Rosell, alias Rosia his Daughter, and he married to Sir John Doyley, who had issue John Doyley, who had issue Jone his Daughter and Heir, Married to Thomas Lukemore Knight, who had issue by her Roger Lukemore, both Knights, who had issue Thomas Lukemore, who had issue Roger Lukemore, both Knights; who had

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issue *Ellenor*, Married to Sir *Robert Harcoate* as his 2d or last Wife, who had issue

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by her his 4th Son *John Harcoate*, which as Heir to his Mother, Inherited *Ranton*, *Bridgford*, and *Weverston*, and had *Milnemesse* and other Lands given him, which

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his Father belike covenanted to give him at his Marriage to the Heirs of him and his Wife, in consideration of the preferment they were like to have by their Mother his Wife: *John Harcoate* had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Robert*, who had *John* a Bastard, to whom his Father gave all his Lands; whereby he is now Lord of *Ranton*, *Milnemesse*, and some other of his Father's Lands, and has issue *Humphrey Harcoate*.

Sow being pass'd *Chebfey*, and having receiv'd *Eccleshall-Water*, and leaving *Eccleshall* about a Mile Westward of *Ranton*, and the Abby almost two Miles the same way, passeth under the Bridge of *Bridgford*, and so leaveth *Seighford* upon the South West Bank.

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IN *Seighford* is a Hamlet called *Heckstall*, whereof was Owner about *Richard* first's time, one *William de Heckstall*, who had issue *Jordaine*, who had issue *Henry*; ~~and~~ about *Henry* 6th time, *Hugh Hextall* was Owner thereof, who had issue *William*,

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liam, who had issue Margaret, Married to Richard Petitt, or Pagett. *no such word in l. 20 m 55.*

SOW being pass'd Bridgford, and Sleighford, passeth by Creswell, 20 Conq. 20th not 2. William held Creswell of Montgomerie; there dwelt sometime at Creswell a Race of Gentlemen of the same Name, whereof the last was a Knight; from the Creswell's it came to John de Wythers, who called himself Epstones (I think by descent) *from Jp faulx to Rannulph Broerton (Jain) was by descent* for John de Wyther, alias Epstones, had issue William Epstones, who had issue Alice, Wife of the said Ralph, a 2d Son of William Brereton Knight; Sir Ralph and Brereton Alice had issue Sir Ralph Brereton Kt. who had issue Ralph, who had issue Sir Ralph Chamberlain of Chester, who had issue Sir Ralph, who had issue Ralph, who had issue Sir Ralph Brereton now living.

FROM Creswall, Sow passeth to Tillington, which at the Conquest was the Land of Robert de Stafford, whereof was Owner John de Peulton 1 Hen. 3d.

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From Tillington Sow washing the walls of Stafford, passeth between the Town and Castle of Stafford Town. I can say no more, than in Domesday-Book where it is termed a City, is to be seen, except that it now remains the Shire Town, and has the libertys belonging to ancient Burroughs, *and ruins of the walls of Stafford*

roughs, as having two Bayliffs chosen yearly for Government, findeth two Burgessees for the Parliament, and by the ancient Custom thereof, being Burrough English, the youngest Son doth inherit all Lands lying within the Liberties of the Town, with other like Liberties belonging to Burroughs English. The Town has been Walled, as I take it, round about, whereof some ^{part} yet remains, and the rest sheweth by the Ruins where they have been; and there hath been also a Castle within the Town, but now 'tis quite decayed: The Castle which now stands on the South side, and is half a Mile or more from the Town, hath and doth belong to the Barons of *Stafford*. The said Castle that now is, was built by *Ralph* first Earl of *Stafford*, as the report is, and not unlike to be true, and yet I have certain Deeds dated *apud Castrum juxta Stafford*, long before the said *Ralph* lived; so that it would seem that *Ralph* Earl of *Stafford* did not build it a-new At the Conquest, as appears by *Doomsday-Book*, one *Robert* was Baron of *Stafford*, whom I suppose to be a *Norman*, and to come in with the Conqueror; which *Robert* had issue *Nicholas* Baron of *Stafford*; *Nicholas* had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Robert* and *Miliscant*; *Robert* died without issue, *Miliscant*

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liscant was Married to Harvy Bygots who at uot d.
 had issue Harvy Baron of Stafford, their
 Son, and Henry William Stafford Knight, Hair
 and Robert. Harvy Barons of Stafford had Barons
 issue Robert, who had issue Nicholas, who
 had issue Edward, who had issue Ralph, first Edmund
 Earl of Stafford, who had issue Hugh Earl
 of Stafford, who had issue Thomas Earl
 of Stafford, that died without issue;
 William Earl of Stafford that also died and Edmund
 without issue, and Edward Earl of Staf- Edmund
 ford had issue Humphry Duke of Bucking-
 ham, slain at Northampton, who had issue
 Humphry Earl of Stafford, slain at St. Al-
 ban's in his Father's Life time; Humphry
 had issue Henry Duke of Buckingham, be-
 headed at Salisbury, who had issue Edw.
 Duke of Buckingham, beheaded at the
 Tower of London; who had issue Henry
 Baron of Stafford, that died without issue,
 and Edward Baron of Stafford now living,
 1596. *but is without a great deal concerning the*

PENK taketh its beginning a little *Barons Stafford*
 above Penkford--Almarus 20 Conquest, *the knight*
 held Penkford of William filius Anselmi, *for hold of*
 It is now the Seat of Walter Fowler, Son *William 2nd had*
 of Gab. Fowler, younger Son of Roger *1155 in the*
 Fowler. From thence Penk passeth to *Call of arms 55*
 Somerford, and from thence to Engleton, *56. 57. 58.*
 leaving on the West side first Guston, the Seat *Agene fi. not*
 of one of the Fowkes, and then Chillington, *Anselmi*
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Corbution the Seat of the *Giffords*. I take it that in the time of the Conquest *Chillington* was the Inheritance of *William filius Corbucion* who held the same of the Bishop for about the time of King *Stephen*; *Corbucion* gave the same in Frank with *Margaret* his Sister, to *Peter Gifford*, which *Gifford* I take to be a younger Son of some of the *Giffords* Dukes of *Buckingham*; *Peter Gifford* had issue *Peter*, who had issue *William*, and Sir *John Gifford* Knight; *William* died without issue, Sir *John* had issue *John*, who had issue *Edmund*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue Sir *John Gifford* Knight, who had issue Sir *Thomas Gifford* Knight, who had issue *John Gifford* now living, 1596.

And then *Hyde* the Seat of the *Lands*; *Richard Land* lived in *Henry* 5th's time, and had issue *John*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Ralph*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *John*, now living.

PENK, Eastward, leaveth first *Coven*, which 20 Conquest, *Prevere* held of *Rob. de Stafford*, and somewhat further of *Hilton*; *Helgotus* held *Hilton* 20 Conquest, of *Robert de Stafford*. It was sometimes the Inheritance of the *Swinertons*, and then

then *Sharshall* and *Sarden Hervuis* held *Sarden* and *Sharshall* of *Rob. de Stafford*, 20 Conquest. Since they were the Inheritance, and *Sharshall* the Seat of Sir *William Sharshall* Knight, who had issue *Jone*, his Daughter and Heir, Married to Sir *Richard Harcoate* Knight, from whom it is come to Sir *Walter Harcoate*, now Lord thereof.

PENK, then having left *Sharshall* somewhat Eastward, passeth through *Somerford*, of which is Owner a Gentleman of the same Sirname, whose Ancestors have been Owners long thereof, 17 *Edw.* 3d, *John Somerford* was Owner thereof.

From *Somerford*, *Penk* runneth to *Engleton*, the Seat now of one of the *Moretons*, who have for some time possessed the same; one of whose Ancestors Married a Daughter and Heir of one of the *Engletons*, sometimes Lords thereof, and by that reason have invested themselves with *Engleton's* Armory. At *Engleton*, *Penk* receiveth Westward *Breewood-water*, which taketh its beginning not far from *Halas*.

20 Conquest, *Reynald de Balginde* held *Halas* of *Roger de Montgomery*, of which were Lords since *Pandolfs*; there lies one buried under an old Cross-leg'd Monument,

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ment, which some suppose to be one of the *Pandolfs*, but I am of a contrary Opinion.

And not far from thence Southward lieth *Weston-Under-Lizard*, of which was Lord in 20 Conquest, the same *Reynaldus de Balgavile*, from him it descended, or was received of, as I have heard, by one *Hugo de Weston*, who had issue *Hugo*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *John Weston* Knight, 19 *Edw.* 2. who had issue a Daughter, and her Married to *Adam Peshall*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Adam Peshall* Knight, who had issue *Margaret*, Married to *Richard Mitton*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *William Mitton*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John Mitton*, who had issue *Jone*, Married to *John Harpsfield*, who had issue *Edward*, who called himself *Mitton*, after his Mothers Father, who had issue *John Mitton*, now living, 1596.

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changed name
to Mitton*

Breewood-Water leaveth not far off Northward *Blymbill*, whereof, as also of *Bruington*, was Lord, one *Warrin*, and held them 20 Conquest, of Lord *de Stafford*, in *Hen.* 2d's time *William Bagod* was Lord of *Blymbill*, it being then his Seat; and 9 *Edw.* 2. *John de Epstones*, as I suppose, was

was Lord of *Blymhill*, and *Braington*, a Lordship adjoyning to *Blymhill*.

Breewood-water being past these Manours, enters into *Breewood*, 20 Conquest, the Bishop held *Breewood* of the King, and the Bishops of *Litchfield* continue Lords thereof till this day. It hath been a Market Town, and continues yet a pretty Country Town; in *Breewood* is the Chief House of *Tomlymes* of *Staffordshire*; from thence *Breewood-water* passeth thro' *Ingleton*, where it enters into *Penk*, which being past *Ingleton*, washeth the Banks of *Stretton*, so called, because it stands on the way called *Watlingstreet*; as if you said the Street Town.

IT was the 7th *Edw.* 3d, the Seat of one *William Champaine*; one of whose Daughters and Heirs one *Congrive Mar-* (*Congrives*
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ried, the Posterity of whom have invested themselves into *Champaines* Armory, and cheated themselves of the Chief House.

CONGRAVE, a pretty little Village, stands a little lower upon the same side of the Bank of *Penk*; it joyns unto *Stretton*, and was the ancient Lands and Seat of the *Congraves*, whose Inheritance it continues until this day.

ON the other side of the Bank, stands *Water-Eaton*, from which, not far, is *Longmore*, both at this day the Lands of *Thomas*

mas Aston, of Aston in Cheshire, 20
Conq. Herveus held both Stretton and
Eaton of Robert de Stafford: in Hen. 3'ds
time, Eaton and Longmore were the Inhe-
ritance of John de Eaton, who had issue
John Eaton, who had issue Thomas, who
had issue John Eaton: Thomas Eaton, as I
take it, sold them both, about 10 Edw. 1.
to Sir Thomas Bessyne Knight, from whom
they are come by descent unto the said
Tho. Aston, as you may see before, where
I spake of Ashley. Eaton is held of the
Baron of Stafford, by 5th part of a Knight's
Fee, and Longmore by 4th part; of which
see the Copy of a Deed here following.
Hen. Allyn Ball feodorum Com. Staff. re-
cepi de Dom. Rogero de Charleton Novem.
solid. Argent. & 3/4 quar. parte feodi unius
Militis in Eaton, & 3/4 quar. parte feodi in
Longmore, quare idem Rogerus tenet de
Domino meo dat. apud Castrum juxta Staf-
ford, 43 Edw. 3d.

PENK, being past *Water-Eaton*, and
Congrave, leaveth Westward from it more
 than a Mile, *Lapley*, now the Seat of *Ri-*
chard Brooke, the 2d Son of Sir *Robert*
Brooke Knight, late Lord Chief Justice of
 the Common-Pleas. *Lapley* was some-
 times a Priory, and then *Penk* receiveth
 in on the same side a Brook, or little Ri-
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ver called *Rowley*, which taketh its beginning not far from *High-Offley*.

Leaving Southwardly from it *Norbury*, a goodly Mannor, sometime the Land of one *Hugh Kilpeck*, who held some other Lands by the Tenure, to be the King's Champion at his Coronation; from him *Norbury* came to *Philip Marston*, by *Marmion* *Jone* his Wife, *Secunda Genita*, and one of *Hugh Kilpeck*'s Heirs, and from them to *Maud* their Daughter, Mother of *Ralph Butler*, whose Seat it was. This *Norbury*, *Forton-mear*, *Aquilat* and *Sutton*, were all purchased, with much Lands, in King *Ed-^{ward}* *ward*'s time, by one *Thomas Schrimpsheawe*, Prothonotary of the Common Pleas, which *Thomas* had issue *John* and *Thomas*, to *Thomas* he gave his Towns in *Staffordshire*, Land in *Herefordshire*, *Worcestershire* and *Salop*, to the Value of a convenient Gentleman's Living, all by him purchased: *John* had issue *Thomas*, *James* and *Richard*. To *James* he gave *Norbury*, with the Park and *High-Offley*. *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, *John* and *Bryan*; to *John* he gave *Dorflow*, and Lands in *Omely*; to *Bryan*, he gave Lands in *Whitmore*, all purchased by the first *Thomas Schrimpsheawe*.

Rowley-Water passeth on and entereth *Knightly Park*, Comes *Rogerus* held *Cheverly* 20 Conq. of the King: About *Hen-*

ry 1. time, or King Stephen, one *William* was Lord of *Knightly*, which *William* had issue *Nicholas*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Jordanus* and *Sabryna*; *Jordanus* had issue *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Robert Knightly* Kt. who had issue a third *Robert*, who had issue a fourth *Robert*, who had issue *John* and *Ralph*, that died without issue, and *William*. *John* had issue *Jone*, his Daughter and Heir, married to *Roger Peshall*, who had issue *Jone*, married to *William Leigh*, who died without issue. *William Knightly* before spoken of, had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Alicia*, married to *Richard Peshall* of *Chetwinde*, which he had in right of *Jone* his former Wife, who had issue *Thomas Peshall* Kt. who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *Hugh Peshall* Kt. who had issue *Catharine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Blount* Kt. who had Sir *George* and *Agnes*, Wife of *Richard Lacon* and *Henry Blount*, which *Henry* had issue *George Blount*, but Sir *George Blount* his Uncle and Godfather, gave all his Lands to *Rowland Lacon*, Son of *Richard Lacon* and *Agnes*, Sister of the said Sir *George*.

Rowley-Water being past *Knightley*, enters into *GNOSALL*; 20 Conquest *Samps* held of the King *Gnosall*, being a Collegiate

giate Church, and having four Canons that had Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions, the said Canons be ordinarily there, but since the Dissolution of Religious Houses, the Prebends Lands being first leased to Sir *George Blount* Kt. who gave the same to *Draper* and two other of his Servants, the Reversion was given by the King to the Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*. In *Gnosall* is a Mannor-house, or Capital Messuage, call'd the *Burgh-hall*, sometimes of one *Adam de Burgh*, from whom it descended to *Knightly* of *Knightly*, and after, when *Knightly* descended to the Heirs General, this House was reserved to the Heirs Male, and continued in the Name, as being the Inheritance of *Thomas Knightly*, second Son of Sir *Valentine Knightley*, who had Demised the same to *Robert Harcoate*, Younger Brother to *John Harcoate* of *Ranton*.

This River being past *Gnosall*, leaveth *WILLBRIGHTON* and *MORTON* more than a Mile from it Southward, both the Inheritance of one *Morton*, who hath in *Wilbrighton* a proper Gentleman's House of Brick, so Conquest *Robert de Stafford* held *Wilbrighton* of the King, in *Henry 3.* time, and 9 Ed. 2. *Johannes de Morton* was Lord of *Morton*.

Halhaughton

Then the Brook entreth ROWLEY divided between Chetwind and Whitgrive, and leaveth Hallington a Mile Northward, being the ancient Seat of the House of Hallington. Robert de Stafford held Alughstone, 20 Conquest, of the King, in Henry 3d's time; Robert de Hallington was Lord of Hallington, High-Offley, Weston and Mear, and in 9 Edw. 2. Thomas de Hallington was Lord of them, since

*it came by the
heir of the
D. Bournes
to Bouchier*

I know not by what means it came to the Possession of Lord Bouchier, the last Bouchier of which, Ralph left it to Sir Ralph Bouchier his Bastard, since he sold it lately to Ralph Sneyd.

*Sandy Bouchier
was the last
son of John
B. Bouchier
who was
Sr. Halfron
whom the
Bouchiers of
Bouningburgh
were
descended*

And so passing on to CHURCH-EATON, a Mannor late the Lord Staffords, and by him sold to his Sister Dorothy, who gave it in Marriage with her Daughter, to one Drake, which hath very lately sold it to Walter Chetwind, second Brother of William Chetwind, and son of John Chetwind deceased.

And so leaving BRADLEY Northward a Mannor also belonging to the Lord Stafford's Barony ever since the Conquest, and Mitton a Mannor divided between Chetwind and ——— entreth into Penk somewhat about PENKRIDGE, Pancize so called in Doomsday-Book, or the Town de Penocure, as Mr. Camden would have it

or *Penkrich*, as it is vulgarly called, and as the River of *Penk* would seem to give it its Name, was by one *Sampson* held of the King, 20 Conquest, and by *Edwin* and *Alice Priest* to him, and in the time of *Edward 3.* *Andrew Blount* was Lord thereof, and 9 *Ed. 2.* *Hugo de Blount* was Lord thereof, from whom it came, I know not by what means, to *Robert Willoughby*, Lord *Brooke*, in *Henry* the seventh's time; from him it came to Sir *Fulk Grevill*, who sold it, and now young *Fulk* hath bought it again.

Likewise, a mile Eastward from *Penkridge* stands *Pillaton-hall*, the Seat of the *Littletons* of *Staffordshire*, and *Beddington*, 20 Conquest the Abbot of *Burton* was Lord of *Bedington* and *Pillaton-hall*; for in *Henry* the first's time, *Galfridus*, Abbot *de Burton*, gave *Beddington* and *Pillaton-hall* to *Edwin* of *Pillaton-hall*, as his Father held the same in Fee Farm, paying 20 s. per *Ann.* which *Edwin*, I think, had *William*, which *William*, as I suppose, had issue *Alfrid*, for all these successively were Owners of *Pillaton-hall*; and after them it came also to one *Henry Burch*, as I suppose, by descent; for I have seen a Deed whereby *Richard Abbot de Burton* gave him *Pillaton-hall*, to hold as freely as the Predecessors of the said *Henry*, Alderman of *Huntington*,

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which I think to be *Alfride*, before spoken of, or *Braine Alfrides* Brother, held the same at 10s. *per Annum*, but long after that time it came to one *Winesbery*, the last of which *William* by Name, had issue *Alice*, Daughter and Heir, married to *Richard Littleton*, who had issue *Sir Edward Littleton*, Father of another *Sir Edward*, who was Father of *Sir Edward*, now living, all Knights.

And a little more Eastward lies *HUNTINGTON* and *HATHERTON*, 20 Conquest, *Clodaine* (or rather I think it should be *Chenew*) held them both of *Robert de Stafford*, and he of the King, which *Chenew*, had issue *Richardus de Chenew*, who had issue *Margery* married to *William Crooke*, that was hanged, and *Margaret* married to *Robert Rock*, who had issue *Margery*, married to *Hugo de Leges*, who had issue *Hugo de Leges*, who lived in *Henry* the 3d's time.

Penk being past *Penkridge* leaveth westwardly *DRATTON*, sometime of the Barony of *Stafford*, and by *Hervey Bagod* and *Miliscnt* his Wife, sold to the Priory of *St. Thomas*, whereof now *Walter Fowler* is Owner, and also *Dunston* a divided Manor, sometimes between the Baron de *Stafford*, (and *Richard de Stretton*) who passed his Interest to one *Thomas Pickstock*, but long

long after one *William Stretton* passed his Interest to one *Robert Dorrington* of *Coton*, in 15 *Ed. 6.* who had issue *John*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Hamblet*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Sampson*, who had issue *Anthony*, who had *Katherine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to the Son and Heir of *Richard Masterson* of *Namptwich* in *Cheshire*.

Penk passing further to *ACTON*, 20 Conquest, *Robert* held *Acton* of the Bishop, since it was the *Trussels* Land, and therefore commonly called *Acton Trussel*, and lately sold by the Earl of *Oxford*, one of whose Ancestors married *Trussel's* Heir.

Eastwardly, and somewhat more removed Westwardly, lieth *BURTON*, the *Whitgraves*, the 11 *Hen. 6.* *Robert Whitgrave* was Owner thereof, and since, another *Robert*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had another *Robert*, both then living, but in 1654, *Thomas Whitgrave* is Owner thereof.

Penk running on his Course, leaveth *RICARSCOATE*, which 20 Conquest, *Elenor* and *Robert*, held of *Robert de Stafford*; on the West is *Bedenball*, *Walton*, *Brockton* and *Boswick*; on the East, all the 20 Conquest, the Lands of the Bishop of *Litchfield*; and so *Penk* entereth *Sow*, which being joyned, washeth the Walls of

Charles the Priory of St. Thomas the Martyr, *juxta Stafford*, founded by one *Gerardus de Stafford, filius Brieni de Stafford*, so called himself, and more of *Gerardi filius Brieni de Stafford*, doubtful I am whether he were of the House of the Barony of *Stafford*, or else some wealthy *Burgo Master of Stafford*, and called himself *de Stafford*, as dwelling in the Borrough or City of *Stafford*, as it is called in the Book of *Doomsday*. At this Day it is the Seat of *Walter*, the Son of *Bryan Fowler*, to whom *Rowland Leigh*, Bishop of *Litchfield* gave it, and all other the Lands for the most part of the said Priory, as being the Son of *Sibile* his Sister, by her Husband *Roger Fowler*, *Roger* was the Son of *Edward*, the Son of *Thomas*, second Son of *William Fowler de Rycote* in *Oxfordshire*, the Son of *Henry*, the Son of *John Fowler* of *Foxly* in *Buckinghamshire*.

Sow being past St. Thomas's Priory, divideth *Tixall* (whereof I have spoken before) from the Forest of *CANK*, commonly called *Cankwood*, and so entreth into *Trent*, between *Haywood* (spoken of also before) and *Sowborrough* called *Shuttborrow*, whereof remains the Ruins of a goodly House, sometimes the Bishop's, and since the Lord *Pagett's*, who had the same, the *Canock Town* and Forest, together with *Haywood*, *Longdon*, *Rudgley*, *Budfert*, another House also,

also, sometime the Bishop's, and of late enlarged, and now Re-edified by the late Lord *Pagett*, together with the Park of *Haywood* and *Budofert*, and great number of Hamblets and Villages, both in and adjoining to the said Forest; all which were the Bishop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield's* Lands, and by him given in exchange of certain Parsonages impropriate, and other Benefices which the said Lord *Pagett* had obtained of King *Edward 6.* whereby he procured himself to be created Lord *Pagett* of *Budofert*; in *Canock* long since was the Seat of the *Trumurynes*, of the Original of which House, see the Copies of Deeds here following, *Wilielm. Rex Angl. &c.*

*W: Corc
Deed*

I have not the Descent of this *Trumuryne*, or *Truwin*, that was betwixt his time and the time of *Hen. 3.* but in *Hen. 3.* time lived one Sir *William Truwin* Kt. who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *William Truwin*, written in one Deed *le Rider*, which I take to be as much as *Chevalier* or *Knight*. who had issue Sir *William* and Sir *Roger*, both Knights, Sir *William* had Issue Sir *William* and *John Truwin*, who, as I take it, died both without issue; for all Sir *William's* Lands came to the issue of Sir *Roger*, who had issue Sir *Roger* and Sir *John Truwin* Kts. *Robert* and *David*,
but

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Truwin*

but all died without issue, so that all the Lands of Sir *William Truwin* and Sir *Roger*, descended to *Katherine*, Daughter of Sir *Roger*, Wife of Sir *John Masford*, who by her had issue *Jone*, their only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Washburne*, who had issue *Isold*, married to *John Leacroft* of *Salway*, of *Leacroft*.

LEACROFT is a Hamlet in *Canock* Parish, Lord of which Town was one *William Salway*, about *Hen. 3d's* time, who had issue *William*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Adam*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who had issue the said *John Salway*, Husband of the said *Isold*; *John Salway* and *Isold* his Wife, had issue *Humphrey Salway*, who had issue *John* and *Thomas*; *John* married the Daughter of *Hugh Erdswick* of *Sandon*, by whom he had issue *Cecill*, married to *Thomas Conesby*, Father of *Humphrey*, Father of Sir *Thomas*, now living, *Margaret* married to *Richard Biddulph*, Father of *Francis*, Father of *Richard* now living, and *Joice* married to one *Ashby*, and after to one *Woolsey*. *Thomas Salway* Brother of *John*, that had three Daughters, had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Arthur Salway* of *Stanford* in *Worcestershire*, now living.

Trent being past *Shutborrow* and *Haywood*, runneth by *COLWICH*, where
hath

hath been a Gentleman bearing the name of the Place, whose only Daughter and Heir, in our time, was married to *Leicester of Tabeley in Cheshire*, the first of the *Colwiches* which I find, was one *John Colwich*, who lived in, or, before *Hen. 3d's* time, he had issue *Adam*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Edward* and *George*; *Edward* had issue *Elizabeth* his only Daughter and Heir, married to *Peter Leicester of Tabeley in Cheshire*; *Peter* and *Elizabeth* had issue three Daughters, *Alice* married to *Sir George Leicester of Toft Kt.* *Elizabeth* married to *George Leigh of Hyleigh*, both *Cheshire Men*, and *Katharine* married to *John Ireland of the Hutt in Lancashire*, *Sir George Leicester* and *Alice* had issue, *Ralph*, *George* and *Elizabeth*, had issue *Thomas Leigh*, and *Ireland*, and *Katherine* having no issue, their parts of *Colwich's* Lands came to *Sir George Leicester*, who hath now two parts.

Trent having past *Colwich*, entereth between *Bishton* and *WOOLSEY*, famous for the Bridge that passeth over *Trent* there, of which *Woolsey* is a Gentleman bearing the name of the Place, it is a Member of *Haywood*, and in 20 Conquest, *Nigellus Greefky's* Paternal Ancestor held it of the Bishop.

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As also *MORTON*, standing a Mile Northward, about *Hen. 2*'ds time, *Wolsey* was a divided Mannor between *Richard Hint* and *Richard de Wolsey*, as appears by a Deed, *Morton* descended from *Nigel-lus* and *William* his Son, Lord of *Gressly* Castle, and divers other Mannors, as appears by *Doomsday-Book*; which *William* founded the Monastery of *Gressly* in *Darbyshire*, and had issue *Sir Robert de Gressly*, who had issue *Sir William*, who had issue *Sir Jeffry*, who had issue *Sir Peter*, all Kts. *Sir Peter* had issue *Jeffry*, who had issue *Sir John*, who had issue *Sir Nicholas*, who had issue *Sir Thomas*, who had issue *Sir John*, who had issue *Sir Thomas* Kt. who had issue *Sir William*, *Sir John* a Priest, *Sir George* a Knight, *Robert* and *James*, *Sir William* and *Sir John* died without issue, *Sir George* had issue, *Sir William* Father of *Sir Thomas Gressly* of *Drakelow* and *Colton*, now living, 1596.

Trent being past *Wolsey*, passeth between *COULTON* and *RIDGLEY*, sometime a Mannor belonging, as I have said, to the Bishop. Of *Colton* was Lord in the Conq. time one *Galfridus*, and immediately *Hardulphus de Gastenoy Miles*, was Lord of all, or half of it, I know not which, for in 9 Ed. 2. *Sir William Wastney* and *Anselmus le Marshall*, were joint Lords there-

thereof ; Sir *William* had issue Sir *Robert*, who had issue Sir *Philip*, who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *John*, who had issue Sir *John*, who had issue Sir *William*, who had issue Sir *Thomas Wastney*, all Knights ; Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomazine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *Nicholas Gressly* before named.

Trent being past *Coulton* and *Ridgley*, passeth between *MAVESTONE-RIDWARE*, and the *HERMITAGE* ; of *Mavestone-Ridware*, was Lord, one *William Mavestone*, about *Ed. 1.* time, for in *33 Ed. 1.* and in *9 Ed. 2.* his Son Sir *Henry* was Lord thereof, and he had issue *Robert*, and he or his Son had issue *Hugo de Mavestone*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *Robert Mavestone*, Knight, slain at the Battle of *Shrewsbury*, *pro Rege*, as his Monument in *Mavestone-Ridware* saith, and well might be called *Mavestone*, as the report of the Country is, going towards the said Battle, he met with his Neighbour Sir *William Handsacre* going also towards the same Battle, either of them being well accompanied with their Servants and Tenants, and upon some former Malice, as may seem, or each knowing each other to be back'd with
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the contrary Party, (for it is said *Handſacre* went on *Hen. 4.* and *Maveſtone* on *Piercy's* ſide,) they encountred together, and fought as it were a Skirmiſh or little Battle, where *Maveſtone* had the Victory, and having ſlain his Adverſary, went after to the Battle and was ſlain himſelf; the ſaid Sir *Robert* left behind him two Daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Margaret* who were his Heirs, *Elizabeth* was married to Sir *John Cawarden*, Kt. and *Margaret* was married to Sir *William Handſacre*, Kt. Son of the afore-named *William*, to whom ſhe brought her Property, and a Recompence for the Death of his Father, ſlain by hers: Sir *John Cawarden* had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *John*, who had iſſue *Robert*, who had iſſue *Thomas* and *Jeffry*; *Valettus Regis & poſtea Serviens ad Arma*, *Hen. 8.* *Thomas* had iſſue *David*, who had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Elizabeth*, *Joyce* and *Mary*, *Jeffry* had iſſue *Walter Cawarden*.

Armitage leaveth from it *HAUSE-TARD*, whereof was Owner in *Ed. 3.* time *Humphrey Ridgly*, it being his Seat, *Humphrey* had iſſue *Thomas*, who had iſſue *Nicholas*, who lived 7 *Hen. 6.* and from *Nicholas* it is deſcended to *Thomas Ridgly*, lately deceaſed, leaving his two Daughters his Heirs.

A little

A little more South-East is **BREWERTON**, whereof is the Lord *Chetwinde*.

Trent being past *Armitage* leaveth **HANDSACRE** a mile removed from it, a place possessed a long time of very brave Knights of the same Name, in *Henry 2d's* time, one *Robert de Handsacre* was Lord thereof, and after *Sir William*, who had to his Wife *Ada*, *Adalera*, *Alditha*, or rather *Aldelia*, for all these ways have I seen it very anciently written, the Widow of *Henry* Lord *Hastings*, and Daughter and Coheir of *David* Earl of *Huntington*, Brother of *William* King of *Scots*, by *Maud* his Wife, eldest Sister and one of the Heirs of *Ralph* Earl of *Chester*; the said *Sir William Handsacre* had issue by her *Sir William*, who had issue *Sir William*, and either he or his Father *Sir William*, had issue *Sir Simon Handsacre*, who had issue *Sir William*, slain riding towards *Shrewsbury*, by *Sir Robert Mavestone*, as I said before, who had issue *William Handsacre*, who married *Margaret* second Daughter and Heir of the said *Sir Robert Mavestone*, and had issue by her *Margaret*, *Jone* and *Anise*, whereof the eldest Sister was married to *Westcoate*, for *Henry Westcoate*, at this day, hath *Handsacre's* Seat; and another Sister was

was married to *Peter Melborne*, but what became of the other Sister I know not.

Trent being past *Handsacre*, hastneth to *KINGS BROMLEY*, where a Bridge has been over it, but is now decayed: *Kings Bromley*, at the Conquest, was in the King's Hands; and was then, I suppose, an antient Demesne, and so continued till *Hen. 3.* time; in 43 *Hen. 3.* *Roger Corbet* died, holding *Bromley* in *Capite*, and *Thomas* was then his Heir, *Atate 11* Years, about the beginning of *Edward's* time, Sir *Thomas Corbet* Knight was Lord thereof, in the Right of *Jone* his Wife, who had issue Sir *Roger Corbet*, who lived 33 *Ed. 1.* and it continued in his Posterity till after *Hen. 6.* for in 30 *Hen. 6.* Sir *Richard Corbet* Kt. was Lord thereof, from whom it came by Descent to *Baddeligh* of *Cheshire*, as I take it, from him to one *Partridge*, who in this Age sold it to *Francis Agard* of *Ireland*, who left it to his eldest Daughter, married to *William Agard* of *Foston* in *Derbyshire*, who is Owner of it in his Wife's Right.

Trent being a little past *Kings Bromley*, receiveth on the South a Brook coming out of *Canockwood*, where it taketh its beginning, and passeth between *Pipe* and *BEWDSERT*, late the Lord *Pagett's* Seat,

Seat, and *Longmore*, of which also *Bewd-*
fert is a Member.

Of *PIPE* was Lord in 26 Ed. 1. time,
Sir *Tho. Pipe*, who, I think, married *Isa-*
bel, Widow of *Nicholas* or *Robert* Baron of
Stafford; but not long after, as I take it,
Pipe had a Daughter married to *William*
Campeville Lord of *Clifton*, of whom de-
scended *Maud*, first married to Sir *Richard*
Vernon, and after to Sir *Richard Stafford*,
Knight, who had issue Sir *Thomas Stafford*,
Edward Bishop of *Exeter*, and *Katherine*,
Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, that died
without issue, and so did the Bishop of
Exeter, *Katherine* being Heir of *Clifton*
and *Pipe*, was married to *John Arderne*,
Knight, who had issue by her *Maud*, mar-
ried to *Thomas Stanley*, who had issue by
her Sir *John Stanley*, Knight and Baronet,
who had issue Sir *Humphrey Stanley*, Kt.
from whom both these Mannors with *Ast-*
on, and the rest of his Lands are come to
Heningham, as you may see where I spoke
before in *Aston*.

This Brook leaveth *Farwell* but a little,
sometimes a Nunnery, and now the Seat
of *Nicholas Baghall*, and so entereth
LONGDON, through which it passeth,
where be the Seats of divers Gentlemen,
tho' of no great Living, yet of long Conti-
nuance, the first, Sir *Edward Littleton* of

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whom I have spoken before, hath a House at *Chesthall*, but by what Title he came to it I know not, then one of the *Ridgleyes* had an House there, but the last *Francis* sold it to *Hussey* of *Albrighton*, near *Shrewbury* and he sold it to one *Barlowe* of *Darbyshire*, who passed it over to *Lawrence Wright*, who I take to be now owner of it. In 7 *Ed. 3.* one *Symon Ridley* was owner thereof, from whom it descended to *James*, who lived 44 *Ed. 3.* and had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Thomas*, who lived 30 *Hen. 6.* from whom it came by descent to *Francis*, who sold it to these *Ridgleyes*. It may seem that one of them married the Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Trefford*, Knight, who lived 33 *Ed. 3.* and had, as I suppose, his House something near the Town, or Prebend of *Trefford*, or some other Advancement by the said Marriage, for into *Trefford's* Armory they have intruded themselves, and have used it long, even until this our time, there is also one other good proper House, imployed to the use of the Younger Brother of the House of *Ticksall*, or *Astons* of *Haywood*, for it hath in that Name continued ever since *Ed. 1.* time, and divers of the Younger Brothers have lived there; next on the same side, is an House of the *Broughtons*, which had continued in that Name from

Lawrence Wright

Trefford

*Trefford's
armory*

from before *Hen. 3d's* time, for in King *John's* time, one *Regnerus de Broughton* was possessed of *Broughton-hall* in *Longdon*, as it is now called, and also of his Capital Mesuage in *Broughton*: This *Regnerus*, as I take it, was Brother to *Robert* Lord of *Broughton*, which *Robert* had issue *Peter*, who had issue *Thomas* Lord of *Broughton*, who sold the Lordship of *Broughton*, to *Roger Aston*, 44 *Edw. 1.* *Regnerus de Broughton* had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Thomas*, who Married *Isabell* Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Walter Aston* of *Aston* in *Ombersly* Parish in *Worcestershire*, and had issue by her *Richard Broughton*, who had issue *Bryan*, Father of *Edward*, now living, and being yet under Age.

Next *Broughton-hall*, stands *Arblast-hall* lower upon the same Brook; 25 *Edw. 3.* *Adam Arblast* was Owner thereof, from him it descended to *James Arblast*, and so to *Thomas*, and from him to *Richard*, who lived 14 *Hen. 7.* In this King's Time *Humphry Arblast* had the same Lands, and died without issue, so it came to *Richard* his Brother,

Broughton

who had issue *Thomas Arblaster*, now Ownerr thereof.

TRENT having received this Brook, makes haft to receive *BLITHE*, betwixt which Rivers, even at the joyning of them on a good rough steep Hill is *BLITHBURY*, where hath been the Seat of a Gentleman's House, which in my Judgment stood very Pleasantly. I think it was the Seat of the *Masons*, which since hath been removed lower to *Trent* side, to the Town of *Maveston Ridware*; and yet in *Hen. 3d's* time, *John* the Son of *Thomas Buckland* passed one Tenement to them, *cum homagiis redditibus Warenis, Serviciis Curiis releviis Wardis & Escheatis*, to *Roger* the Son of *Ralph Aston* of *Haywood*; but in *6 Edw. 3.* one *Sir Robert Maveston*, and *Dame Margaret*, *Sir Tref. Trefford's* Daughter granted three Plats of Land lying invironed, *Chebell-hall, cum Blythbury, cum* several and all Meadows and Pastures, which lately were *Nicholas Halls*, to *William* the Son of *Robert Hall*; so that it should seem *Mavestone* was Lord of it, notwithstanding the former Deed.

BLITHE taketh its beginning in *Wetly-More*, between *Dilverne* and *Weston* subter *Keversmount*; which *Weston* taketh its Name of *Weston*, as standing West

West of *Carfwall*, as a Man might say, the West Town of *Carfwall*, in which Parish it is; altho' it be a distinct Mannor, and was parcel of the Fee of *William filius Alcini, filij Fladeldi Baron of Clumree*, and *Albastree*, and so is not *Carfwall*; both *Carfwall* and *Weston* were held 20 Conq. by *Ermenfold de Hastings*, of *Rob. de Stafford*. West sub *Carfsmount*, commonly called *Weston Cuny*, for that an House of the *Cuneys* have been Owners thereof ever since the Conquest, as I verily think; for in *Hen. 2d's* time, one *Robert Cuny* was Lord thereof; which *Robert* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who Married *Margaret* Daughter of *William de Erdington*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Hugoba*, Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Ed. Burnell* of *Ey* and *Langly* in *Shropshire*; who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Margaret* Daughter of *Robert Haleighton*, who had issue *Robert*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Alice* the Daughter of *Hugh Erdswick*, who had issue *Robert*, who Married *Dorothy Moverless's* Daughter, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, now living, Father of *Thomas*, Father of *Thomas*, all three living, 1596.

Of *CARSWALL* was Lord in *Richard* the first's Time, one *Thomas de Carswall*, from whom it descended to Sir *William de Carswall* Knight, who had issue Sir *Richard de Carswall* Knight, who had issue *William de Carswall*, who built there a goodly Castle, and Pools, the Dams being of Masonry, and all his Houses of Office likewise: He had issue *Richard de Carswall*, who lived 19 *Edw. 3.* from the *Carswalls*, it came by descent to the *Monomeries*, from them to the *Giffords*, and from them to the *Ports*, and from *Port*, to my Lord *Huntington*, now Owner thereof, in the Right of the Countess his Wife. The Castle was lately in reasonable good Repair, but was let to decay by one *Browne* a Farmer, lest his Lord should take conceit to live there, and so take the Demesne from him. It is since Sold to *Matthew Craddock* Esq; in whose Line it continues, 1655. Captain *Packer* now Owner.

In the Church is a Monument of *William de Carswall*, with this Inscription about it, *WILLIELMUS de CARSWELLIS* at the Head, and then about it,

*Castri Structor eram domibus fossisq; cemento
Vivis dans operam nunc claudor in hoc Monumento.*

Whereby

Whereby it appears that *William* that lies there was Builder of the Castle, and the rest. The Monument is of Marble, the Picture, Arms and Epitaph have been Engraven and Laid with Copper, but the Copper is taken out, such is the Iniquity of this Age; and yet I might perceive what the Letters were, but not the Arms. *Somerſet* and *Scarble* his Painter, would needs perſwade me that his Coat was *Argent* three Pair of *Gemets Sable*, and in the Window is ſuch a Coat, but it hath a *Red Labell*: The Coat without the *Labell*, belongs to *Ercoll* in *Shropſhire*, as it is not indeed *Carſwall's*; but it would rather ſeem that ſome of the *Carſwalls* had Married with a Daughter of ſome of the *Ercolls*. *Carſwall's* Coat I have ſeen divers Seals of, and all agree that it is *Frett* with a *Feſs*; and in *Cubly Church* Window in *Derbyſhire*, ſometimes *Montgomerie's* Seat, who was alſo Lord of *Carſwall*, *Stanhope* hath it as Heir to *Montgomery*. I have ſeen *Argent* fretted blue, with a red *Feſs*, which no doubt was ſet there for *Carſwall's* Arms, and there is one *Knighton* who did bear the ſame with three *Mullets* Gold upon the *Feſs*, but he intruded himſelf thereunto; for that I take it, one *John Carſwall* a younger Son of the afore-named *Thomas* bears it, and the two

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Carſwall's coat

Knighton intruded into Carſwall's coat

Daughters; one Married to *Pershall*, and the other to Sir *William Trumuryne* of *Cannock*; and I believe there was a 3^d Married to *Knighton*, whereupon *Knighton* bears *Carfwall's* Armory.

BLTTH being past *Weston Cuny*, leaveth *Mear*, sometimes Lands belonging to the Knights of St. *John's* Order, but within the Lordship of *Weston* upon the West from it, and enters between *Stallington Granges* (sometimes belonging to the Priory of *Stone*) and *Fosbrook*; and so leaving *Fullford* (a Lordship, whereof *Richard Leigh* was Lord, 9 *Ed.* 2d, and now *Gifford* is Lord of it) more than a Mile South-West of it, and so enters into *Dracote*, a Member of *Sandon*, and Seat of the *Dracots*.

Immediately after the Conquest, *Hugh* the Son of *Nicholas Dracot* was Lord thereof; which *Nicholas*, as I verily take it, was the Son of *Philip*, Brother of the first *William* Baron of *Wishmillbank*, for *Wish-malbank* *is chosen*. *William* Son of *Hugh*, Son of the said Sir *William Malbank*, confirms *Dracot*, *Lea*, *Newton* and *Creswell*, to *Hugh* the Son of *Nicholas* of *Dracot*, to hold of him by two parts of a Knight's Fee, and if he have contention for certain Lands lying in *Newton*, then he is to hold it by half a Knight's Fee, *Hugh Dracot* had issue
Sir

Sir Philip, Justice of Chester, 23 Hen. 3. *But not Lussan*
 Sir Richard had issue Philip, who had
 issue Sir John, who had issue John, who
 who had issue Roger, who had issue Ro-
 ger, who had issue Sir John, who had issue
 Sir Philip, who had issue Sir Richard, who
 had issue John, Father of Philip, now both
 living; which Philip is Father of John
 now also living. Sir Philip Dracot having
 Married Alicia de Colvill, bear a Com-
 pound Coat of Verdon and Colevile, that *Get a Dracote.*
 is Gold fretted Red, and on a Blue Can-
 ton a Cross Pattee Silver; for Colevile of
 Cambridgeshire bears Argent a Red Cross
 Pattee; but Sir Richard his Son being as I
 said Justice of Chester, the same time that
 John Scott was Earl, forsook the Coat of
 his Father, and imitating his Lord, bear'd
 Gold three Pales, or Piles, which you will, *I cant get that Pale*
 for all is one; for if they be made in a *Coat of Arms*
 Coat, Armor, or Banner, they must be
 made square at both ends; but if they be *ad.*
 made in a Shield, then they are usually
 made sharp at the lower end as the Shield
 is, and over all a Bend Ermins for his dif-
 ference, to shew he was a Lawyer, and *Chancery*
 so it is made in Chedale Church, and his *and it is not a law*
 Name written over it; which I doubt
 not but was first set up in Edw. 1st's time,
 but after his death, his Son Philip rea-
 sumed the Fret Canton and Cross. He
 Married

What
Lord
Emgecourt
should be
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Married Joan the Daughter of Edmond Lord Emgecourt, and his Son (or rather Emgecourt, Sir John, left the Crois again, leaving Emgecourt's devise, and so of all the Race of the Dracot's ever since.

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BLITH being past, Dracot enters into Lea, which Ormus held to Farm of the Abbot of Burton. In the Conquest and Hen. 1st's time, Rob. filius Veneti held it in Fee Farm, paying 4*l.* per Ann. to the Abbot of Burton. Which Robert had issue Henry, who had issue Robert de Lea; which Robert had issue Philip, after Dominus de Lea. Aliva Married to Sir Richard Dracot Knight, Ellen Married to Hugo de Lea of Highleigh in Salop, and Cicely Married to Sir Roger Sandback, of Sandback in Cheshire, Knight. Philip Dominus de Lea, had issue Robert Lea, that died without issue; so that the Heirs of the Daughters divided Lea amongst them. Sir Richard Dracot had issue by Aliva his Wife, Philip, who had issue Philip, the Son of Philip, had issue Richard, who died without issue, and Edmund Dracot, Heir to his Brother Richard. Ed. lived 16 Edw. 3. from whom Dracot descended to Montgomery, and from Montgomery, to Sir John Vernon, who had issue Henry, who had issue John, who hath lately sold it. Hugo de Lea had issue Reynald,
that

that died without issue, and *Philip* who had issue *Reynald* who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Reynald*, that died without issue. *Eliz.* Married to *Sir Thomas Aston* of *Haywood* Knight, and *Joan* Married to *Tho. Gattacre* of *Shropshire*, who so divided the Lands, that *Aston* had the 3d part of *Leigh*, and *Gattacre* had *High-leigh* in *Salop.* *Sir Roger Sandback*, and *Cicely* had issue *Sir Richard Sandback* Knight, who sold his Town in the Advowson, and one Town in *Leigh*, to *Sir William Stafford* of *Bromshall*, who gave it to *Sir John Stafford*'s youngest Son; the rest of *Leigh* which was allotted to *Sir Roger Sandback*, and *Cicely*, long after the time of *Sir Richard Sandback*, Son of *Sir Roger Sandback*, viz. 36 *Hen. 6.* to the hands of one *William Morgan* of the West Country, I think, by descent, and hath remained in the *Morgans* Possession until this time, the Heir being now under Age; whose Uncle being then Heir of the House, and Eldest Brother of the Father of this present Heir, a heavy Misfortune befel, whereby he was *per summum jus*, as they say, Executed; for as I have heard it Reported, his hap was Riding on his way towards *London*, upon some Affair he had there to do; and Riding with a couple of Servingmen to a Gentleman's House called *Stourton*,

Stourton, (that had Married his Mother) to know if it was her Pleasure to command him any service to *London*; where finding his Father-in-law, his Mother, and one *Turberville* that had Married his Sister, which was then newly deliver'd of a Child, and so kept her Chamber in the same House (her Husband and she then sojourning there) at Dinner, and after some ordinary speeches of Duty to his Mother, and Congratulation to his Father-in-law, and Mother, intreating him to sit down and take part of a Dinner, he answer'd, *That his Company might be offensive to some there, and therefore desired leave to depart*. Whereupon *Turberville* rising from the Table, told them that he meant him; and *Morgan* affirming that he did so indeed, *Turberville* having the Knife wherewith he Dined, within his Hand, offer'd to stab *Morgan* therewith; but *Morgan* being advised thereof, stay'd *Turberville's* Hand, and having a Pocket-dagger at his Girdle, drew the same, and stabbed *Turberville* therewith, in such a sort, that he presently died thereof: Whereupon, *Morgan's* own Sister, being *Turberville's* Wife, so prosecuted the Matter, by the help of *George Turberville*, Brother of the Party slain, that they procured a Verdict and a Judgment against

against *Morgan*, of Murther, wherein he had hard measure, and whereupon he was Executed.

murder

BLTTH being pass'd through *Leigh*, entreth *FIELD*, which in *Hen 1st's* Time, was given by *Jeffry Abbot* to one *Andrew*, in Fee Farm for 20 l. per Annum; but after *Nich. Verdon* Abbot of *Burton*, gave the same with the Homage and Services (*Jeffry St. Maure* then Farmer thereof,) to his Brother *Bertram Verdon*, in Exchange for his Lands in *Stepenhall*, whereof was Heir one *Rosia*, but whose Daugher she was, I find not; she Lived in the Time of *Ed. 1.* I suppose she was Daughter and Heir of some of the *Staffords*; the Reason that induceth me to think so, is, that she had to her Husband one *Robert de Pipe* Knight, who bears Arms two Pipes in Pale, and the Field Crusele feamed Gold, and sealed by the same, his Son by her *Sir James* by Name, who lived 28 *Edw. 3d.* notwithstanding sealed with a Chevron in a Border plain: this *Rosia* had by *Robert Pipe*, *John* and *Thomas*, who called themselves by the Name of *St. Maure*, and *Alice* Married to *William de Sarponvile*, who lived all 12 *Edw. 2d.* *Thomas* had issue *William de St. Maure*, 18 *Edw. 3.* who passed all his Lands to *Sir James Pipe*, and about

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about *Richard 2d's* time, it came to the Possession of Sir *John Baggot* Knight, but by what means I know not, whose Heirs are Owners of it to this day. 1659.

BLITH being past *Field*, leaveth *Gratwich*, the Manor of the *Chetwinds* on the south side thereof passing along after the side of *Chartly*, leaveth *Kingston*, a Mannor, a long time the *Greaslyes* Lands, but sold then by the *Greaslyes* to Sir *Walter Aston*, and from Sir *Walter*, to *Henry Goreing* Esquire.

On the Northern side, and so passeth to *Bagots-Bromley*, which *Bromley*, the *Bagots* have been Owners of ever since the Conquest; for I find in the Book of *Doomsday*, that one *Bagot* was the Christian Name of the same, held *Bromley* of *Rob. de Stafford*; and in *Hen. 2d's* time one *Symon Bagot* was Owner thereof; which *Symon* had issue Sir *Hugh Bagot* Knight, who had issue Sir *John*, who had issue Sir *Ralph Bagot* Knight, which Married *Elizabeth* Daughter and sole Heir of *Richard Blythfield*, and by her had issue Sir *John Bagot* Knight, Lieutenant of *Calais*; which *John*, together with *William Scrope* Earl of *Wiltshire*, Lord Treasurer of *England*, Sir *John Busby*, and *Henry Green*, were Attainted by Parliament in *Richard 2d's* time, through the procu-

procurance, as I remember, of the Duke of Gloucester; but Bagot flying into Ireland saved his Life, and was restored in Blood, and to his Land in Hen. 6th's time; as I take it, he had issue Richard Bagot, who had issue John, who had issue Sir Lewis Knight; Sir Lewis had issue Thomas, that died in his Father's Life time, that had issue Walter, Father of Lewis, both living 1596. but Lewis died before his Father, and the Land came to Sir Henry Bagot Baronet, who is now Living, 1656, and a very Honest Noble Gentleman; and had issue Edw. Bagot, now Owner of Blythfield, who hath many fine Children.

BLYTH having left Booth-hall, a Seat lately of one of the Meverills, whose Daughter and Heir was Wife of John Chetwind of Ingestry, Mother of William Chetwind, both deceased, the Land fell to Sir Walter Chetwind, who had Walter Chetwind now living, who hath issue another Walter, who hath lately Married Anne Bagot, Daughter of the above-named Sir Edward Bagot, 1658.

From thence Blyth passeth on to Abbots-Bromley, now called Pagett's-Bromly, which it leaveth about a Mile Eastward; which Bromley hath been the Inheritance of Burton, Abbots from the first Foundation of the

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the House, until the dissolution thereof, when *William Lord Paget* had it of the King, as I conceive. *Bromley* is a pretty Town, which hath a Fair at *Bartholomewtide*. In *Bromley* was a Seat of the *Ensors*, who say they descended from the House of the *Ensors* in *Darbyshire*; but now the *Ensors* of *Bromley* are clearly gone, and the House almost down.

And not far from *Bromley*, being in the same Parish, is *Horecross*, where is a fair Gentleman's Seat, and a Park; sometimes the House of *Humphry Wells*, and now a Nephew of the same Sirname is the Owner thereof.

And on the West side is a Village called *Newton*, which 20 Conquest was the Inheritance of *Reynoldus de Bulgdall*, and since came to the Lord *Westons* of *Weston*, subter *Lydiat*, and one *Harwks* of *Rushall*, and *Richard Bagot* bought a part thereof, and that of *Weston's*, is now the Land of one *Wilbram*, the Son of Sir *Thomas Wilbram* of *Woodhey* in *Cheshire*, who Married the Daughter and Heir of *Mitton* of *Weston*, late Owner thereof.

BLTTH having severed *Bromley*, enters *Blythfield*, of which was Owner at the Conquest one *Hermanus*, and he had issue *Wilielmus filius Hermani*, which *Almaricus William* had issue *Amalricus*, and *Johannes*

nes, a younger Son, to whom his Father William gave *Blythfeild*; whereupon he was called *Johannes de Bliefelde*.

Amalricus had Issue William, *Filius Almaricus Amalrici*, and he had Issue Richard de *Hulcombe*.

Johannes de Bliefelde had Issue Sir Henry de *Bliefelde* Knight, who had Issue Sir James, who had issue Richard, who had issue Richard, who had issue Henry, and John; Henry died without issue, John had issue Richard, who Married Catherine de *Baliden*, and by her had issue Elizabeth the Wife of Sir *Raufe Bagod de Bromley* Knight, whose Posterity of the *Bagod's* have been Owners thereof ever since to this very day, and there have Seated themselves.

BLITHE leaving *Blythfield*, passeth on till it cometh to *Hampstall-Ridware*, where it receiveth on the North side a Brook that hath its beginning in *Needwood* Forest, somewhat above *Newborowe*, through which Town it passeth.

In *Newborow* is the Seat of one *Agard*, and also of one *Whittington*, two Gentlemen (but neither of them as I take it, of any large continuance there.) From hence this Brook passeth by *Geffrey Cawarden*, (of whom I have spoken before) to *Hore-*

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Croft (also before remembred) and from thence to *Hamstall-Ridware*.

Which in the time of the Conquest was holden *de Comite Rogerto*, by one *Walterus*, who had issue *William* and *Robert*; of whom, see the Copy of a Deed here following.

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri, quod ego Willielmus de Ridware, dedi concessi & hac mea carta confirmavi, Waltero de Ridware filio meo 44 s. de redditu meo de Seilee, (viz.) De Willielmo fil. Warini 5 s. De Rado. fil. Goastner 4 s. De Wulfrico 3 s. De Henrico Fabro 8 s. De Willielmo fil. Nigelli 7 s. De Hughone de Seilee 10 s. De Rob. Messore 7 s. De Williel. de Hasteng, 2 s. In auxilio enim Hernesgiardi In expectatione que ei melius faciam. Hiis Test. Rog. de Ridware, Rob. fratre Willielmi de Ridware, Henricus de Huenhull, Waltero Cow, Hamone Clerico. Roberto de Wudhufs, & multis aliis.

Herussgandy

Whereby it appears that the same *William* had issue *Walter* and *Robert*. Of one *Walter* I have seen a Seal with an Eagle display'd with one Head, and a Chief verrey.

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But long after, about 3 E. 2. *Thomas Ridware* Sealed with an Eagle display'd, having two Heads; and yet ever since the *Ridwares* have born Azure an Eagle display'd with one Head, Silver Beak, and Feet red. *Ridwares*
Agnes

About the latter end of *Edward 3d's* time, *William Cotton* Married *Agnes*, Heir of *Hampstall Ridware*, and by her had issue *Richard Cotton*, who had issue *John, Cotton*, who had issue *Richard Cotton*, who had issue *Maude*, Married to Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert* Judge. *Elenor* Married to Sir *William Venables*, *Catharine* Married to *Richard Grosvenour*, *Isabell* to *John Bradburne*, and *Thomas* that although he had issue, yet the same died without issue, and before him. *Cotton*

So that his Sisters were his Heirs, whereby *Hampstall Ridware* in the Division came to be allotted to Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, and *John, William*, and *Richard*. Sir *Thomas* died without issue, Sir *John* had issue *Thomas* now living, *Nicholas*, *Francis*, and *Anthony*, all also living.

BLTTHE having passed to *Hampstall Ridware*, and left the Town on the South, and *Rowley Park* (a Member thereof) on the North, entreth presently into *Trent*,

which leaveth also a little More Northwardly *Toxhall*, whereof Sir *Robert Hol-land* 9 *Edw. 2.* was Lord, and lately Sir *William Holles*, and now his Sons Son, Sir *John Holles* I think is Lord.

One *Salte* a Gentleman hath a House in the same Town.

TRENT then passing on Eastward, receiveth on the south side a little Brook, which taketh its Beginning above *Litchfield*, where it being stayed, divideth the City and Close asunder in such sort, that there is no access from the one to the other, but only over two Causeys or Bridges made for that purpose.

Litchfield

And first to speak of the Close (so called, as I take it) for that it is enclosed about with a Wall, and a good deep dry Trench on all sides, except towards the City, where it is defended by a great Marish or Pool which the said Brook maketh, either of its own Matter, or by reason it is stayed to raise a Pond where the Mills stand.

In the Close, there is a goodly Cathedral Church, if I should say one of the Fairest and best Repaired in *England*, being thoroughly Builded and Finished, which few are, I think I should speak no otherwise than the Truth is, wherein be also a
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great number of very fair Monuments, of the Bishops, and other Clergymen, besides divers others of Noblemen, as one very fair one of the Lord *Bassett*, one other of the late Lord *Pagett*, another of one of the *Stanleys*, &c.

There are also outwardly builded three Pyramids, or Steeples of a good convenient and seemly height, all very well wrought with Free stone, and especially the two Gemetts that stand Westwards, very well cut, and curiously wrought. The which West Part is at the end also exceeding finely and cunningly set forth, with a great number of Tabernacles, and in the same, the Images, or Pictures of the Prophets, Apostles, Kings of *Judah*, and divers other Kings of this Land, so well Embossed, and so lively Cut, that it is a great pleasure for any Man that takes delight to see Rarities, to behold them.

Moreover in the same Close are a great many very fair Houses belonging to the Canons or Prebends of the Church, but above all, the Bishop's Palace is the fairest by much, having in it a goodly large Hall, wherein hath been excellently well Painted (but now much decayed) the Coronation, Marriages, Wars and Funerals of *Edw.* the first; and some Writing there is

yet also remaining, which expresseth the meanings of the History; where is especially mentioned the Behaviour of Sir Roger Pewlesdone and others against the *Welshmen*; as also of *Almaric de Bailgioll*, *Burnell Valence E. of Pembroke*, of the Lord *Badlesmere*, and other Barons against the *Scotts*, where the said Earls and Lords are very lively Pourtrayed, with their Banners of Arms bravely before them; but it is great pity that the same is not repaired by the Lord Bishops, before it be quite decayed.

The BISHOPS of Litchfeild Diocess that have been, be these which here follow, who Successively Govern'd the Churches of this Diocess, as they be here named.

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| 1 | D Wyna | } both Scotts. |
| 2 | Ceollachus | |
| 3 | Trumherus, | |
| 4 | Jarumanus | |
| 5 | Cedda, the first that placed the Bishop's Seat at Litchfeild. | |
| 6 | Winfridus | |
| 7 | Saxulfus | |
| 8 | Headda | |
| 9 | Aldwinus | |
| 10 | Witta | |

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- 11 Hemelus
- 12 Cuthfridus
- 13 Berthunus
- 14 Higbertus
- 15 Aldulfus
- 16 Herewinus
- 17 Æthelwoldus
- 18 Hunberhtus
- 19 Cineferhtus
- 20 Tunbrihtus
- 21 Ælla five Ælfwinus
- 22 Alfgarus
- 23 Cincius
- 24 Winsius
- 25 Ælfegus
- 26 Godwinus
- 27 Leovegarus
- 28 Brihtmarus
- 29 Wulsius
- 30 Leofwinus

Petrus Anno, 1067, 10 W. Conq.

Robertus de Limesia, Anno 1088, 10
W. Ruf.

Robertus Peche, Anno 1117, 17 H. 1.

Rog. de Clinton, Anno 1128, 28 H. 1.

Walterus Durdent, Anno 1149, 14 Steph.

Ricardus Peche, Anno 1162, 8 H. 2.

Gerardus de Puella, Anno 1186, 32 H. 2.

Hugo de Novant, Anno 1198, 9 Ric. 1.

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Galfr.

Galfr. de Muscham, Anno 1245, 29 H. 3.

Willielmus de Cornhill, Anno 1256, 40
H. 3.

Alex. de Stavenby, Anno 1295, 23
E. 1.

Hugo de Patshull, Anno 1322, 15 E. 2.

Rog. de Wescham, Anno 1360, 34 E. 3.

Rog. de Moyland, Anno 1385.

Walt. de Langton.

Rog. de Norburgh.

Rob. Stretton.

Walt. Skirloo.

Ricardus Scroop.

Johannes Burghill.

Johannes Aller.

Willielmus Hayworth.

Willielmus Booth,

Regin. Bolars.

Johannes Hales.

Willielmus Smyth.

Johannes Arundell.

Galfridus Blythe.

Rolandus Leghe.

Ricardus Sampson.

Rad'us Bane.

Tho. Bentham.

Willielmus Overton.

Geo. Abbott.

Ric. Neyle.

I can say little of the Antiquities thereof, more than I have done; it is now a County, but I suppose hath been so but a small time.

It is Govern'd by two Bayliffs, hath a Sheriff, with other Officers, which serve for the City; but forasmuch as the Liberties are, or have been lately in question, I will speak no more of them, except that it makes two Burgeses to the Parliament.

These Towns here following were Members or Appendances belonging to the Bishop's Barony of *Litchfeild*, 20 Conq. as appears by Domesday-Book, viz. *Padenton*, the two *Hamerwiches*, *Lichebroke*, *Norton*, *Wirley*, *Rouveley*, *Morton*, *Puginton*, *Tameborne*, *Handsacre*, *Hintes*, *Lochesdale*, *Rideware*, *Wefforde*, *Buroweston*, *Littlebenche*, *Fraiford*, *Tinemore*, *Horeborn*, *Smedemirche*, and *Tibintone*.

Litchfeild Brook being passed the City, leaveth Eastwardly (like half a Mile) *Streethye*, so called (as I think) because it stands on a great forced way that passeth from *Litchfeild*, to *Burton*, and so to *Derby*, and *Nottingham*.

In *Streethye* is the Seat of a Gentleman bearing the same Name.

This Brook passing on thus, runneth by *Curborow*, and *Hodley*, to *Alderwas*, where it enters into *Trent*. *Trent*

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Sorjodancy

The afore-named *Rese Griffine*, had issue *Rese Griffine* of *Wichmore* Knight, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *John Griffin*, who had issue *Walter*, who had issue *Walter*, who had issue *George*, all Knights. *George* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *Henry* now living, Anno 1597.

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River called *Tame*, which taketh his first rising near *Dudley-Castle*, the ancient Seat of the Barons of *Dudley*, whose Barony although a great part thereof lie in *Staffordshire*, as you may perceive by that I shall set down hereafter, yet lieth a dozen Towns of his said Barony in *Worcestershire*, as appears in *Doomsday Book*. For there it is said that *Willielmus filius Aufcussi de Pinchengi tenuit Estelie, Nordfelde, Franchelie, Welingwicke, Werewely, Cercehalle, Bellein, Hageleia, Dudeleie, & ibi est Castellum ejus, Swineforde, Peve-more-Cradelie, & idem tenet W. Belintones in sua Castelaria.*

He held then also of the King much other Lands in divers Shires in England; that is to say in *Sudrey, Wittforde, Michelham, Wendelesforde, Middleton, Abinceborne & Padendene*. In *Barkshire, Glesfelle, Bradefelde, Hurtebrige, Erglesfelle, Offetone, Hodicote, Histelew, Etingdene, Stanewarde, Hingepene, Contone, & Chingeshone.*

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So that in all Places, he should seem to be Lord of 80 Mannors or Hamblets, and more.

This *Willielmus filius Anschussi de Pinchengi*, was either Father, or Paternal Grandfather to *Roger de Somerye*, whom I think had issue *John de Somerye*, and he had issue *Raufe*, who had issue *Roger*, who had issue another *Roger*, who had issue a third *Roger*, who had issue *John*, that died without issue. *Margaret* Married to *Sir John Sutton Knight*, and *Joan* Married to *Thomas Botetourt*, Sisters and Heirs to their Brother *John*.

Sir John Sutton, and *Margaret* his Wife, Eldest Sister (who had *Dudley* in the Partition, and *Botetourt Weley*, or rather *Wereweley*) had issue another *John*, who had issue a third *John*, who had issue a fourth *John*, who had issue a fifth *John*, all Knights. This fifth *John* had issue a sixth *John*, who was Knight of the Garter, & *cinctus in Baroniam de Dudley apud Redinge* xviii Hen. Vith; which last

John

John had issue *Edward Dudley* Knight, that died *vita patris*, and *William* Bishop of *Durham*.

Sir *Edward* had issue *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, Knight of the Garter, *Arthur*, *Geffrey*, *Thomas*, *George*, another *Thomas*, and *Richard*, besides five Daughters.

Edward Lord *Dudley*, had issue *John* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue *Edward* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue *Edward* now Lord *Dudley*, and his Brother *John*.

It is well known that Sir *John Sutton*, who Married *Someryes* Daughter and Heir, was the Son of Sir *Richard Sutton*, and *Isabell* his Wife, Daughter and Sole Heir of *William Patricke*, and *Beatrice* his Wife, Eldest, and one of the two Daughters and Heirs of *David* the Bastard, Son of Sir *William Malpas* Knight, and Baron of *Malpas*; which Sir *William* was Son and Heir of *David* the Clerke, Baron of *Malpas*, who was Son and Heir of *William Belward*, Son of *Richard* and *Leticia* his Wife, the only Daughter and Heir of *Robertus Filius Hugonis*, first Baron of *Malpas* since the Conquest; to whom *Hughe Lupus* E. of *Chester* gave the Manour of *Malpas*; and above thirty other Manours, as appears in Domesday Book, and

and Created him Baron of his Parliament at Chester.

David the Bastard (before spoken of,) entrusted himself into the Lands and Barony of *Malpas*, and left the same to his two Daughters; whereby a Moiety of the same, came to the Possession of *Sir Richard Sutton*, (as I have before remembered.)

Sir Richard Sutton was the Son of one *Hughe Sutton*, but from whom or of what House this *Hughe Sutton* should descend, or what Arms he should bear, hath been a great Question amongst the Antiquaries and Herauls of this Age.

Allayne, Sutton, Harvie, Clarencieux, and after them *Cooke Clarencieux* (Follower of *Lecester*) would first have him to be descended from *Sutton of Sutton* in *Cheshire*, being near *Maclesfelde*, and after from one *Saberus de Sutton*, a great and ancient Family in *Holderness* in *Yorkshire*.

Robert Glover (late *Somerset*) thought he came from *Wirkensope*, vulg. *Worsope* in *Nottinghamsh.* and so would have it seem that *Sutton of Averam* in the same shire, and this *Hughe*, should be both of one Family.

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That *Sutton* of *Averam* descended from *Worsope*, I have seen a Matter that might induce a Man so to think; but I never saw likely matter for Proof, or but for Conjecture, to cause a Man once to think, that this *Hugh* should come thence.

And now lastly, Mr. *Henry Ferrers* thinketh that he took his Name of a Manour called *Sutton super Trentnam*, for which he sheweth some Proof; that Sir *John Sutton*, Son of Sir *John*, writeth himself *de Sutton super Trentnam*. For which purpose, *Harvie*, *Cooke*, and *Sutton* following their Humour, that *Sutton* of *Holderness* should bear a Lyon (which he did not indeed, but *Robert Percy* who Married *Sutton's* Heir, bare Gold a Lyon blew, charged with a Bend *Gubayne* white and red; and that Lyon he bare, as being a younger House of the *Percyes*, which descended from *Joselinus de Lorayne*.) But they finding a *Sutton*, which I take it descended of some young House of *Worsope*, to bear a shield of Gold with a green furred Lyon I would under invest the Lord *Dudley* therewith. Gobound

But *Glover*, *Somerset* supposing him to descend (as I have said) from *Worsope*, and that *Sutton* of *Worsope* bare the Lyon but with one *Tayle*, did also cut off one of *Dudley's*

Dudley's Lyons Tayles. But indeed before the time of *Henry* the Eighth, never did any of the *Suttons* of *Dudley* Castle bear it either way, but either *Someryes* two Lyons, or else Argent a Crofs Patee blew, which I take verily to be *Sutton's* Coate proper to his Name.

caract. of blaz. If therefore it be lawful for me to speak my Opinion against these so many great Antiquaries, and especially against Mr. *Somerſet* (the only ſufficient Man in his time for Armorye and Deſcents in this Land) and Mr. *Ferrers* (being ſo ſkilful a Man as he is in thoſe Matters) yet ſince they went all of them for the moſt part by likelihoods, gueſſes and conjectures.

If it pleaſe you, you ſhall hear ſome more probable Conjectures, and likely Gueſſes (if I be not too far in love with mine own Conceit) than any hath been yet made.

Mr. Ed. ſurh, conjectured about Sutton First then, I conceive that this *Hugh*, was rather deſcended of the *Sutton* of *Sutton-Madoc* in *Shropſhire*, than from any of the afore-named Places, conſidering that in the Age before *Hughe Sutton's* time, (being about the beginning of *Hen. 3d*, there was one *Dominus Madocus de Sutton* who (we doubt) did not only take his Sirname (of

(of *Sutton*) of the Place, but also gave to the Town the addition of *Madoc*, being his Christen Name, which also argueth the Man to be a *Welshman*; for that *Madoc* is a familiar Name in *Wales*, and seldom or never used amongst *Englishmen*.

What need was it then to search out *Suttons* in far Countries, to Marry a Daughter and Heir of the Barons of *Malpas*, since in *Shropshire* near to the *Malpas* was a Knight's House of the *Suttons*, whose Heir being near in the Country, was like enough to be affected to Marry her.

Thus much for the Name, Place, and Country. To fortifie which Opinion, do but also consider that *Sutton* bare a Crosse Patee, and then do but mark what a number of *Welsh* Gentlemen (as this *Madocus* was) bear Crosses, and very many Patee also.

But now it will be objected that the Cross was *Malpas's* his Coat, and not *Suttons* (before he match'd with *Patrick's* Heir) which I take to be utterly untrue, or that the said Cross should belong to the Barons of *Malpas* at all, I see no cause to believe. For first it is well known that *Patrick's* Coat (proper to his Name) was Gules; three Mulletts of six Points Gold, and that his Ancestors used the same.

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Howbeit, I have seen a piece of Evidence by him sealed, with a Shield, and three Dart Heads thereon; which Deed imported as followeth.

WILLIELMUS PATRIC *dedi, &c. Nicho. fri. meo Burgagium Hugonis Pigot &c. in Malopassu, Test. Dñs. Hugone de Chelmondeley, Willielmo Taylart, Hugo Lambert, Petro Janitore, &c.*

The Seal thus Circumscribed, *Sigillam WILLIELMI PATRIC.*

Which Dart Heads he had from the Barons of *Malpas*: For I have also a Deed, whereby *William de Malopassu* (Great Grandfather to Sir *Richard Sutton's* Wife *Isabell*, and Father to *David the Bastard*) granted to *Richard* the Son of the first *William* Baron of *Malpas*, and Brother to *David* his Father, the Eighth Part of the Town of *Horton*, in Exchange for the Eighth part of the Town of *Duckenton*, and Witness to the same was *Dominus Hugo de Chalmundesley*; which Deed was sealed with the three Dart Heads as *Patric's* was, and had written in the circumference, *Sigillum Willielmi de Malopassu.*

So that it is apparent that he had the Cross neither from *Patric*, nor *Malpas*, and therefore it must most assuredly be his own

own Coate, as descended from the Father
Hugh Sutton.

But to make the Matter more plain, my
self hath also the Copy of an old Roll
which I writ out with my own Hands;
which old Roll I can justly Testifie was not
written since the time of *Edw. 3d*, and it
saith thus. *Monseur R. de Suttone port*
de Argent Augue croize patee de Azure.
Will a Man then think that *Sir Richard*
Sutton being a Knight, and living' in so
glorious an Age as *Edw.* the first his time,
had never a Coate from himself; and be-
sides that he would invest himself into a
Coate, that neither *Patric* bare, nor *Da-*
vid the Bastard, *Patric's* Father-in-Law,
nor *William* his Father, nor *David* the
Clerke his Father, nor *William Belwarde*
his Father, first Baron of *Malpas* of this
House ever bare.

But some peradventure may object, that
Robertus filius Hugonis might happily
bear the Cross, whereof I could never see
proof, (neither I believe) is any Man
else able to make proof what Coate he
bare, (living as he did in the Conqueror's
time, & himself failing of issue Male, and
leaving but one only Daughter behind
him.) But if he had born the same Cross,
it is more likely that his Daughters Son,
or some of his Posterity, that presently
ensued,

ensued, should rather have intruded themselves thereinto, than that Sir *Richard Sutton* should seek to Usurp it, living seven Ages after him, and never any of his Wives Ancestors once remembering the same.

So that it is apparent to me that the Darts Heads were *Rob. fil. Hugonis* Coate, or else that by length of Time the same is lost. And that the Cross was Sir *Richard Sutton's* own Coate, as descending to him from his Father *Hugh Sutton*, and not from his Wives Parents.

And therefore I could wish my Lord *Dudley* to cast off these new Toys of his Green Lyon, since these latter times have been too much addicted to follow every fantastical surmize, and to betake himself to his old blew Cross, which he may see hath been borne both by his Ancestors Sir *John Sutton*, that Married *Somerye* Lord *Dudley's* Daughter and Heir, and also by his old Ancestors Sir *Richard Sutton*, Father to Sir *John* last before spoken of, which also Married *Isabell Patric's* (Daughter) and Heir to *William Patric*, and *Beatrice Malpas* his Wife.

And I believe that my Lord (if he will suffer his Evidence to be seen and sought thoroughly) may both find Seals that his Ancestor *Hugh Sutton* Father of *Richard*
sealed

sealed therewith; and also who was the said *Hugh Sutton's* Father, and clear all those doubts.

Another thing to fortifie my Opinion that *Hugh Sutton* should be born in no far Country, but either in *Cheshire*, or *Shropshire*, or that part of *England*, is, that if you do but consider, (that by reason of the two *Hughes* both Earls of *Chester*, and of *Hugh Count. de Salop*,) what a number of Gentlemen bear the Christian Names of *Hugh* in those Countries both about that time, and ever since. And I believe there is, nor hath not been the like number in any part of *England* by much; which may seem also to be one probable conjecture that *Hugh Sutton*, Father of Sir *Richard*, that Married *Patric's* Daughter and Heir, was of some Place in those Countries, and (as they say) no far born Child.

Dudley Castle stands mounted loftily on a very high Mountain, and hath a large Prospect into *Derbyshire*, *Lecestershire*, *Warwickshire*, *Worcestershire*, *Shropshire*, and a great part of *Wales*, and is it self in *Staffordshire*, all over which it looketh,

It is a goodly House of an Antient Building, and large, with great Trenches about it, hewn out of the hard Rock, and a fair chief Tower within it on the South side

It was Built I suppose at the first, by *Willielmus filius Aesculfi*, or some of his next succeeding Heirs of the *Someryes*, but hath been as I take it since re-edified by some of the *Suttons*.

And of late *John Dudley* late Duke of *Northumberland* (fashioning himself, because of his Name, and for the Honourableness of the House to be descended of it) in his Greatness affected it; and meeting with a simple Gentleman (Grandfather of this Man) who was the Lord *Dudley*, got it from him, and made himself Lord thereof, and then made great Repair, and built more thereto within the Ancient Walls of the Castle, which is now called the New Work.

who This *John* Duke of *Northumberland* (which was Attainted in Queen *Mary's* time) Father of *Ambrose E. of Warwick*, and *Robert E. of Leicester*, was the Son of one *Edmund Dudley* (sometimes of *Lincolnes-Inn*) which *Edmund* afterwards creeping into Favour with *K. Henry 7th*, by reason he found him a Wise Prince, and something given to enrich himself, thereby to be able both to wield his Subjects, and encounter his Enemies, without too much drawing from his Subjects by Loans, Subsidies and Taskes, and such Payments which he found by experience both in

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Henry 6th's, Edw. 4th's, and Richard the 3d's own time, to be a means to lose the Hearts of his People, and to stir them up to desperate Enterprizes upon every light Occasion, thought it therefore a more just and plausible means to constitute just Laws, and to lay great Penalties upon the Infringers and Breakers of them, which was not unlike but that many would do, notwithstanding the greatness of the Penalties, which Men would hope would be passed over (as we daily see they do) without any great looking unto. But the King being of a contrary Mind, and meaning thereby both to enrich himself, to procure a good and peaceable Government, and also to gain the Reputation of a Just, Wise and Circumspect Prince, caus'd them indeed to be strictly look'd unto; and either finding this *Edmund Dudley* a fit Man for his Purpose, or else *Dudley* (by some means learning the King's Humour) intruded himself, and in such sort executed the Office, as thereby he so highly obtain'd the King's Favour, that he obtain'd of him the Ward and Marriage of *Eliz.* the only Sister and Heir of *John Grey* Viscount *Lisley*, who himself Married, and by that means possess'd himself of a goodly Inheritance, which he left to his Son (by the same Woman) *John Dudley*, who was

first Knighted, and after Created Viscount *Lisley*, then Earl of *Warwick*, and lastly Duke of *Northumberland*, and greater would have been, if he might have had his Will.

This *Edmund* was the Son of one *John Dudley*, which the Duke would needs have (for so I have heard *Somerſet* ſay he ſaw a Deſcent, wherein the Duke with his own Hands had put it down) that he was the ſecond Son of *John Sutton* firſt Baron of *Dudley* of the *Sutton's* Race, and Brother of the firſt *Edward*. But whether he were ſo or not, I will not take upon me to diſpute, being of my ſelf ignorant, except by Hearſays and Reports.

For I have heard it alſo by one, that took upon him to be of good Credit (while he lived) that the ſaid *John*, Father of *Edmund* was a Carpenter, and indeed born in the Town of *Dudley*, but not of the Name, other than Travelling for his Living, and hapned to be Enter-tain'd at the Abbey of *Lewes* in *Suſſex*; where (growing into Favour with the Abbot) he was appointed Carpenter for the Houſe, and there Married, and (after the manner as the Monks uſed) was called *John* of *Dudley*; not becauſe his Name was ſo, but becauſe he was Born in *Dudley* Town.

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And having by his Wife this *Edmund*, who was taken into the House, and there brought up at School, and proving a to-wardly Child, and apt to Learn, the Abbot (having divers Schollars room in the University) this *Edmund* was placed into one of them. And after the Abbot having Suits in Law, and finding this young Schollar ingenious and wise, took him from the University, and placed him at the Inns of Court, where he maintain'd him, and us'd him as a Solicitor to follow the Suits of the House; which not only he did sufficiently and well, but also so studied the Laws of this Land, that he became very well learn'd in them, and so was brought into the favour of King *Henry* the 7th, whereby he was advanc'd in manner as I have before spoken of.

Dudley Castle stands within the Mannor of *Sedgley*, in the very Confines of *Staffordshire*, and so near *Worcestershire*, that the Town of *Dudley* (whereof the Castle is called, standing within a stones cast of the Castle) is in *Worcestershire*, and so (as I take it) is the Priory also. Which Priory was at the first Founded, as I think, by *Willielmus filius Ansculfi*, or his Son.

In the Church of the same Priory, were divers goodly Monuments of the *Someryes* and *Suttons*, and especially one being
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cross-legg'd, and a very old one; which as it was a very goodly one for the Workmanship, so it was much more strange for the stature of the Person Buried. For the Picture which was laid over him I took the Measure of, and found it to be full eight Foot long; neither was the Person lesser of stature; for the Coffin wherein the Charnel was laid, being of Free-stone, and hewed hollow, answerable to the proportion of a Man, the hollow was also eight Foot, so that the Body could be no less; for if it had, it could not with conveniency have been layed in it.

Writing I could see none, nor any other Matter, whereby I might discern whose it was; until seeking something narrowly, I found under the Arch of the Monument the Gold fresh, wherewith no doubt it had wholly been gilt over. And in the Gold an hinder Leg and a piece of the Tayl of a blew Lyon, which also a Man might discover to be passant, and that by the space of place it was contain'd in, there must necessarily be two Lyons; otherwise the Leg and Tayl must proportionably have been much bigger and larger than they were, and otherwise placed. So that thereby you may perceive it was a *Somerye*, and (as I take it) the first Founder of the said Priory.

Divers

Divers other Monuments there were; one other also cross-leg'd, but much slenderer than this other was, and also shorter.

Another newer, which I take to be for some of the *Suttons*, since they were Lords of *Dudley*; but great pity it was methought to see both the Church and the Monuments so defac'd as they were, and so I then told my Lord; and that he marvel'd that either he or any of his Ancestors would suffer it; and he answer'd me, that it was done while the Duke was Owner of it; so that the Fault was neither in his Ancestors, nor him.

The Town of *Dudley* is a good hand-som Town, and (I think) hath been a Market Town, wherein are two Churches, into one of which is remov'd out of the Priory, a goodly Monument of one of the *Suttons* Lord *Dudley*; which I take to be for him that was first Created Lord *Dudley* of that House, in *Henry* the sixth's time, for that the Picture lieth in the Order of the Garter, and so was the first *Sutton*, which was Created Lord *Dudley*.

There is in the other Churchyard a Monument, with Saxon Characters (as I take them) whereof I caused *Worley* to take a Note, and send the same to Mr. *Camden* to *Westminster*.

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The Lord *Dudley* hath in Demesne, the Town, Castle, and Parks of *Dudley*, and *Sedgley*, together with *Swinford*, *Clent* and *Mere*, and in Services,

Enfeild, *Busburye*, *Amilcote*, *Morfe*, the two *Penns*, (over and nether *Pen*) *Hagely*, *Molesiey*, *Overton*, *Womborne*, *Oxeley*, *Tresell*, *Seisdon*, *Himely*, *Hondesworth*, *Parresine*, *Sandshall*, *Einsinton*, *Parva Barre*, *Cippemor-Etingham*, *Cocorton*, *Penkford*, *Alrewiche*, *Magna Barre*, and *Rushall*.

Having said what I know concerning *Dudley*, I will leave *Tame* at his first Fountain for a time, and discover *Stowre*, another River; whose first Spring, though it be within less than two Miles of the Head of *Tame*, yet takes a quite contrary Course; for bending first Westwards for three or four Miles, turneth afterwards plain South; taking its Course through *Worcestershire*, into *Severn*; for by following this River, and some other little ones that falleth into it, I shall discover all the South part of the Shire, and so following *Tame*, till it come into *Trent*, shall only leave a piece of the *Morelande* to finish withal.

Stowre then taketh its beginning about *Rowley*.

Rowley

Rowley at the Conquest remained of the King's Demefne, and so continued till after the xxth Year of his Reign.

But in 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Somerye* was Lord of it, and continueth still in the Inheritance of his Posterity, (the Lord *Dudley* being now Owner thereof.)

Being past *Rowley*, *Stowre* receiveth a little Brook, which comes from *Hales Owen* in *Worcestershire*, and from that time continues the *Meere* between *Worcester* and *Staffordshires*, until it come to *Stowrebridge*. But before it cometh there by a Mile, hath *Amelcote* standing on the North Bank thereof.

XXth of the Conq. *Paganus* held the same of *Willielmus filius Ansculfi*; but in 9 *E.* 2. it was come to the Hands of Sir *William Stafford* of *Sandon*. From whom it descended to *William* his Son, and from him to Sir *James*; after whose Death, there arose great Controversie, and Suits about it, and other Lands, between Sir *John Stafford*, Brother of Sir *James*, and *Thomas Erdeswike*, that had Married Sir *James*, his only Daughter and Heir (Sir *John* Claiming as Heir Male) and the other as Heir General, but the *Staffords* carried away the Title; since which time it is come to the *Grays* of *Enseild*, the last

last of whom, *Jahn* by Name, as I take it, sold the same.

Stowre being past *Stourbridge* (which standing on the South Bank) is in *Worcestershire*, receiveth *Smestall-Water*, which taketh its beginning between *Tettenhall*, and *Bushburye*.

One *Robert* held *Bushburie* 20 Conq. of *Willicmus filius Ansculfi*, which continued in a Race of Knights of the *Bushburyes*, whom I think descended from the said *Robert*, until after *Edw. 3d's* time; for in 9 E. 2. *Sir Henry de Bushburye* was Lord thereof.

And 1 E. 3. *Robert de Bushbury* was Lord thereof.

Since it is come unto a House of the *Crofteners*, whose Seat it now is, but by what Title I know not.

Tetenhall is of the ancient Demesnes of the Crown, and so continues, except one part thereof, which belonged to the Church of *Wulfrunshampton*, as I think; so that *Tetenhall* is known by the Name of *Tetenhall Regis*, and the Church-Lands are Named *Tenementa Clericorum*.

In *Henry 3d's* time, one *William Camoys* held *Tetenhall* of the King, as I think, at *Will.*; and 45 *Edw. 3.* one of the *Ferrers* held the same, but the King was ever Lord

Lord of the Mannor; for so it appears he was, 9 Ed. 2.

Wulfruneshampton, so called, because one *Wulfruna* was Lady thereof, about the time that King *Edgar* was King of *England*. Which *Wulfruna* Dedicated the Church, and Erected a Dean and secular Canons there, &c.

About a Mile from *Tetenhall* Northwards, lieth *Coddeshale*, which *Theni* held xx Conq.

And the like space, but plain West from it, lieth *Wrottesly*, lying in the utmost Confines towards *Shropshire*; being the Seat of a Race of Gentlemen, which took their Name of the Place, and I suppose have been Owners thereof ever since the Conquest; when in the 20th Year of the Conquest, one *Goldene* held it of *Robert de Stafford*.

In *Henry 3d's* time, *Hugo de Wrottesley* held it, and in the 9th of *Edw. 2.* *William de Wrottesley* was Lord thereof.

In *Edw. 3d's* time, *Hugo de Wrottesley*, one of the first Founders of the Knight-hood of the Garter (as they are vulgarly called) was Owner of this Mannor and Seat of *Wrottesley*, which Sir *Hugh Wrottesly* Knight of the Garter had issue *John*, who had issue another *Hugh*, who had issue Sir *Walter Wrottesly* Knight, who had

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had issue *Richard Wrottesly*, who Married *Dorothy* the Daughter of *Edward Lord Dudley*; *Thomas* Married to *William Lord Stourton*, *Alice* to *Thomas Lord Scroop of Upsall*, and *Anne* to *Richard Lord St. Amand*. *Richard* had issue *Walter*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Walter*, Father of *Hugh Wrottesly*, now both living, Anno 1597.

I must now move a Question what Coate of right the *Wrottesleys* ought to bear.

I know well they use to set up for them Gold, three Piles Sable, with a Canton Ermine, and so it is set up in the Hall at *Wrottesly*, with a Garter about it, and somewhat Old; and for their Crest a Boar's Head Ermine, which this present Man hath changed for a blew-Boar's Head with Bristles and Tusks, and forth of a Crown of all Gold.

The Coate I know of right to belong to *Roger Basset of Warwickshire*, and not the Title or Reason why *Wrottesly* should bear it.

Somerſet told me, that at *Windsor* was set down for *Sir Hugh Wrottesly*, that was Knight of the Garter, Gold a Bend engrailed Gules: And yet as I have said, in *Wrottesly-Hall*, *Roger Basset's* Coate is set

set down for *Wrottesly*, with the Garter about it.

10 *Smeltall* River passing its Course Southwards, leaveth *Perton* about half a Mile of the West side.

XXth of the Conquest, it was the Lands of the Abbot of *Westminster*.

But afterwards, about 40 *Henry 3.* it appears that *Ranulfe Perton* held the same, and *Trescote*, a Town standing on the same side of the River, a Mile lower, by *fer-jauncy* of the King, in keeping of his own Castle for eight days, and afterwards to have 8*d.* for the day at the King's Pleasure; and he ought to go also at his own Charges for eight days to serve the King in his Wars in *Wales*; and afterwards, as also beyond the Seas, at the King's Stipend; from which *Ranulfe* it descended to *William Perton* his Brother.

In 9 *Edw. 2.* *John Perton* was Lord thereof.

The *Pertons* bear Argent a Pear-Tree Charged with Fruit proper.

Since about the time of *Henry the 8th.* *James Leveson* a Merchant of *London* bought it, which *James* had issue *Sir Richard Leveson* Knight, who had issue *Sir Walter Leveson*, Father of *Sir Richard Leveson*, both Knights, and living, the seat of which *Sir Richard*, at present, is.

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About a Mile and more, farther Westward from *Perton*, stands *Pattengham*, which 20 of the Conq. was of the Demesnes of the King; but after it came to be of the Fee of the Earl of *Chester*.

9 *Edw.* 2. it was the Lands of *Raufe Basset*, by whose Ancestors before it had long been holden of the Earl of *Chester*.

And about a Mile yet more Eastward, towards *Shropshire*, is *Patteshul*, now the seat of the *Asteleys* of *Staffordshire*.

XX of the Conq. one *Hugo* held the same of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And in *Henry* the first's time, *Rob. de Pekdesnull* held the same of *Rob. fil. Odonis*, who held the same of *Rob. de Stafford*.

In *Hen.* 3d's time, *Raufe de la Mare* held it of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And 9 *Edw.* 2. *William Bagod* was Owner thereof.

And 1 *E.* 3. was *Rob. Mansfeld*.

After it came, as I take it, but I know not whether by Marriage, or Purchase, or by what Title, to the Possession of Sir *William Asteley* Knight, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, who had issue Sir *Thomas*, all Knights.

Sir *Thomas* had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Gilbert*, who had issue *Thomas*,

his Father

Father of *Walter*, now both living, Anno 1597.

The first Sir *William* I think, was Brother of *Thomas*, and Son of *Giles*, both Lord *Asteleys*; which *Giles* was Son of *Andrew* Lord *Asteley*.

The *Asteleys* of *Battesball*, bear the *Asteleys* Armory, with a Label (*viz.*) blue a Cinquefoile Ermine, with a Label Gold, every point charged with two Bars of the first.

Over-against *Perton*, more than a Mile from the River Eastward, and not a Mile from *Wolverhampton* Southwards, stands the *Lea*, where hath dwelled for seven or eight Descents at the least, a Gentleman of the Name of *Warings*.

Over-against *Trescote* stands *Nether Pen*, and a Mile further off stands *Over Pen*.

XX Of the Conq. *Gilbert* held *Nether Pen*, and *Robertus* held the other of *William filius Ausculfi*.

9 E. 2. *Henry* of *Bushbury* was Lord of *Over Pen*, and *Robert Rufiarus* of *Nether Pen*. 1 E. 3. *Rob. Bushbury*, as I think, held *Over Pen*, and *Wil. Rumfren* *Nether Pen*.

Smestall Water passeth then Southwards, and leaveth *Seisdon* (whereof the Hundred taketh its Name.)

On the West side, about half a Mile off. Of *Seisdon*, was Lord 20 of the Conq. one *Seisdon*

Walbertus, who held the same of *Willielmus filius Aufculfi*.

And 9 E. 2. (as I take it) *Johannes de Tressill* held both *Tressill* and *Seisdon*.

For 1 Edw. 3. *Thomas Stockley* held them both.

Tressill standing on the same Bank, about a Mile lower.

XX of the Conq. was holden of *Willielmus fil. Aufculfi*, by one *Baldinus*.

And 9 Edw. 2. *John Tressel* held the same.

And 1 E. 3. (as I have said) *Tho. Stockley* held both it, and *Seisdon*.

About a Mile from *Tressill*, on the East side of the River stands *Womborne*, which *Raufe* held of *Willielmus fil. Aufculfi*, 20 of the Conq.

9 E. 2. *Tho. Overton* was Lord thereof.

And 1 E. 3. *Walter Overton* held the same of *Roger Somerye*.

Smestall Water receiveth two Miles lower a Brook, which cometh Eastwards from *Sedgesley*, where it taketh its beginning.

Willielmus filius Aufculfi held the same in Demesne, 20 Conq. and so it continueth in the Lord *Dudleys* Demesnes until this day.

In *Sedgeley* is a large goodly Park, of the Lord *Dudleys*; and in the same Lordship,

ship is the antient Seat of a Gentleman that beareth the Surname of *Dudley*, whom (as I take it) descends paternally from the *Somerles* Lord of *Dudley*, for he beareth blue a Cheveron between three Lyons heads erased Gold.

This Brook passing Southwestward coming between *Himeley* and *Pensenet-Chase*.

HIMLET was holden 20 of the Conq. of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*, by *Minus* and *Arni*.

IX Edw. 2. William Bereford was Lord thereof.

But in the 1 *Ed. 3.* it was divided again between *Petrus de Sell*, and *Willielmus de Englesfield*, or rather *Enfield*.

This Brook having discharged it self into *Smeftall* River, which turneth South-Eastward to meet with *Stoure*, leaveth *Swinford Regis* two Miles Eastward, and *Bubington* as many West from it.

Swinford although it have the addition of *Regis*, yet I suppose it hath been of the demesne Lands of the *Somerles*, ever since the Conqueror's time. For the Earl of *Salisbury* held the same by reason of the minority of *Raufe Somerye* granted to the said E. of *Salisbury*, about *Ric. 1.* or *K. John's* time, and so continued demesne Lands to the Lord *Dudleys* until

1 *Edw. 3.* and (I think so doth still.) *Prestwood* stands upon the Mouth side of the same Water about a Mile beneath *Swinford*, where *Sir John Littleton* did lately build a fair House. He bought it of the late Lord *Dudley*, and there hath bin great Contention between this Lord *Dudley* and *Gilb. Littleton* (Son of *Sir John*) for the same.

It should seem to be a member of *Swinford Regis*, and that both *Morue*, *Pense*, *net Chase*, *Ashwood*, and a great part of that County are within the Forest of *Kinfare*.

Hillarye was Lord of the Mannor of *Prestwood* 24 *Edw. 3.*

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In King *John's* time, *Philippus Holgat* held it, who had issue *Johan. filius Philippi* who held it in *Hen. 3ds* time.

And in 9 *Edw. 2.* *Hugo de Hulpham* (I think *Helgath*.)

In *Bubbington* dwells one of the *Brookes*, that takes himself to be a Gentleman.

Smestall water being past *Prestwood*, makes haste to meet with *Stowre* which taketh its Name from it, and being a proud Brook, gives its name first to *Stow-erbridge* a pretty Market Town, but standing on the East-bank thereof is in
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Worcestershire, for that this River divides the same from *Staffordshire*. And presently after finding a Village wherein is a Castle giveth also its name to them both. The one being called *Stowerton*, and the other *Stowerton Castle*, but both within the Parish and (I think) Mannor of *Kinfare*, which stands two Miles lower upon the same River, which 20 of the Conq. was of the King's Demefnes.

About *Henry* the 2ds time, *Phillip Holgat* held both the Mannor and Forest of *Kinfare* of the King, by the Rent of nine Pounds, with the Customs of the Mannor, which *Philip* had issue *John*, who called himself *Johan filius Philippi*, who held them both paying yearly 15 Pound, and by the Service to keep the same Forest.

And 9 *Ed.* 2. *John de Kaux* was Lord of *Kinfare*.

In 34 *Ed.* 3. one *Tyrel* was owner both of *Kinfare* and *Stowerton*.

And in *Edw.* the 4ths time, one *John Hampton* was Lord of *Stowerton* and the Castle, of whom, or some of his Ancestors, there is a fair Monument in *Kinfare Church*.

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the right (as I take it) of his Wife *Elianor*, the only Daughter and Heir of *Humfrey Lowe* and *Alice* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *William Butemor* of *Withybrooke* in *Warwickshire*, which *Humfrey* was the Son of *John Lowe*, Lord of the Mannor of *Whittington*, and also of *Enfeild*, (a goodly Mannor) and a Park standing Northwest from *Whittington* and *Kinsare*, something more than two Miles, where *Thomas Grey* late of *Envilde*, built a very proper Brick House.

These Grays do derive themselves from *Robert* third Son of *Reginald* Lord Grey of *Ruthin*, and second Son of *Joane* his Wife, the only Daughter and Heir of *William* Lord *Astley*. Which *Reginald* was the Son of *Reginald* and *Elianor* Daughter of *John* Lord *Strange* of *Blackmore*, which *Reginald* was the Son of *Roger* Lord Grey of *Ruthyn*, and *Isabel* Daughter and Heir of *John Hastings* E. of *Pembroke*, which *Roger* was second Son of *John* Lord Grey of *Wilton*, and eldest Son of *Maud* his second Wife, Daughter of *Raufe* Lord *Basset* of *Drayton*. *John* Lord Grey of *Wilton*, was Son and Heir to *Regin.* Lord Grey of *Wilton* and *Ruthin*, Son and Heir of Sir *John* Grey of *Eaton* Knt. second Son of *Henry* Grey of *Turoke* and younger Brother to Sir *Richard* Grey of *Eylefford*, Knt.

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Daughter of John
Reginald
Grey of Ruthyn
Hastings.

Grey of Eaton

Father of *Richard* Lord Grey of Codnor, which *Henry* Grey was Son of Sir *John* Grey, Knt. &c.

The said *Robert* Grey (third Son of *Regin.*) had issue *Robert*, that Marry'd *Eli-anor* only Daughter and Heir of *Humfrey Lowe* (as I said before.)

This *Robert* and *Eli-anor* had issue *Humfrey* Grey, who had issue Sir *Ed. Grey*, Knt. *Eliz.* Married to *Sampson Erdeswick*, and another Daughter marry'd to *Sainbark* (Grandmother or Mother to the Wife of Sir *Francis Wasingham*) Sir *Edward* Grey had issue *Thomas* Grey, who had issue *John* Grey that sold his Lands to Sir *Henry* Grey of *Pirgoe* and *Grooby* Knt. and died without issue.

This Sir *Henry* was Son and Heir of the Lord *John* Grey of *Pirgo* in *Essex*, second Son of *Thomas* Marq. *Dorset*, which *Thomas* was Son and Heir of *Thomas* Grey Marq. *Dorset*, Son of Sir *John* Grey Knt. and *Eliz.* his Wife, Daughter of *Richard Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*, who was after marry'd to King *Edward* the 4th.

Sir *John* Grey was Son and Heir of *Edward* Grey Lord *Grooby* in right of *Eliz.* his Wife, Niece and Heir of *William* Lord *Ferrers* of *Grooby*, and elder Brother of *Edward* Grey Visc. *Lisley*, Grandfather to *John* Duke of *Northumberland*.

Edward

Edward Grey Lord of *Grooby* in his Wifes Right, was second Son of *Regin.* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthin*, and second Brother of *John Grey* Earl of *Kent*, and elder Brother of *Rob. Grey* that marry'd *Lowe's* Daughter.

John Hastings Earl of *Pembr.* before spoken of, was the Son of *John* Lord *Hastings*, and *Isabel* Sister and Heir of *Almeric de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, in his Wife's Right *Joane*, Daughter and Heir of *Warine Mountchesney* and *Joane* his Wife, Sister and Heir of *Walter Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*, youngest Brother of *Gilbert*, younger Brother of *Richard*, younger Brother of *William*, Son of *William Marshall* the old, all Earls of *Pembroke*.

John Hastings was the Son of *Henry* Lord *Hastings* of *Abergavenney*, in right of his Wife *Joan Cantelupe*, Daughter of *Will. Cantelupe* and *Eve* his Wife, Daughter of *William Bruse*.

Henry Hastings was the Son of *Henry* and *Adelin* his Wife, Sister and Heir of *John* the Scot, Earl of *Chester*, Son of *David* Earl of *Huntingdon*, and *Maude* his Wife, eldest Sister and Heir of *Randulph* Earl of *Chester*.

David Earl of *Huntingdon*, was the Son of *Henry* Earl of *Huntingdon*, the Son of *Malcolme* King of *Scotland*, and *Margaret*

Agatha Daughter of *Edward* the Outlaw and *Agatha* his Wife, Daughter of *Henry* the third Emperor, Son of *Conrade* Emperor.

Edward the Outlaw, was Son of *Edm.* Ironside, K. of England.

Henry Lord *Hastings*, was the Son of *William* Lord *Hastings*, and *Margerje* Daughter of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Morff*.

William Lord *Hastings* was the Son and Heir of *William* Lord *Hastings*, and *Maude* Daughter of *Thurstan Banaster* (and elder Brother of *Robert Hastings*) of whom the Earls of *Huntingdon* are descended.

This *William* was the Son of *Hugh Hastings* and *Erenburga* his Wife, Daughter of *Hugh Flamvile*, *Hugh* was the Son of *William*, Son of *William Hastings*.

In *Envile* Church are divers fair Monuments, whereof one is of Alabaster, made for *Thomas Grey* Father of the last *John*.

And in *Glas*, which I will set down for the raritie of them, one being *Gules* a border *Gobonie Or*, and *Gules* a Canton *Or*, quarter, rather, for that it takes away the border so far as it goeth, which is the fourth part of the *Sheild*, and the Canton is also Gold.

I know not whose it should be, unless it be some that descended from the *Mortimers*

timers of Chelmersh (a Lordship not far off, which *Mortimer of Chelmarsh* bears *Mortimers Coate*, but all Gold and Gules, (except the Scutcheon with is Argent) and something resembles this.

Another is quarterly Arg. and Gules a Bend blue charged with three Lyons saliant Or. Another is like the same, being argent, the Bend Blue charged with the Lions Gold, between two red Lyons saliant.

Envile was the Lands of one *Gilbert*, who held it of *Will. fil. Aufculfi*. In *Henry* third's time. The Heirs of *Envile* held the same, and 9 *Ed.* 4. *Andr.* of *Envile* was Lord thereof.

Southwards from *Envilde* stands *Compton* (I think) also within the Parish of *Kinfare*. It is the Seat of *Horewood*.

who owned About *Edward* the 4ths time *Jo. Horewood* (as I take it) was owner thereof, which *John* had issue *John* and *Thomas Horewood*. *John* had issue *John* and *William*, Attorney General to King *Henry* the 8th. *John* had issue *Edward*, *Rob. William*, *Anthony* and *Jerome*. *Edward* had issue *Thomas* Father of *Gerrard*, both living *Anno* 1597. At *Compton* is a fair Park.

Two Miles South-West from *Compton*, upon *Severne* bank, stands *Arley* or *Arnly*, which Lordship and Parish stretcheth over

over *Severne* more than a Mile; so that only in this Nooke *Staffordshire* extends it self on both sides *Severne*: In *Doomsday Book*, I find there was *Emeleys*, which I take to be *Arley*, for 'tis a very large thing, and that the *Cannons* of *Hampton* were owners thereof 20 Conq. But *Osbert* the Son of *Richard* took them by force, the one of them 9 Ed. 2. *Hugo de Audley* was the owner thereof, and in 30 and 39 E. 3. the Earl of *Northamp.* was owner thereof, and so having finish'd the South part of *Staffordshire*, except one part environed round about with *Worcestershire* but a very little, which borders on *Salop*, which part being about three Miles Eastward from *Kinver* and *Whittington* contains only *Kenelme*, *Clent*, and *Broome*, which were in the Kings hands 20 Conq. *Clent* was in *Henry* the 3ds time in *Roger Sumery's* hands, but after in the division of *Sumery's* Lands between *Sutton* and *Botetourt*, *Clent*, and *Mear Handsworth* were allotted to *Rob.* It should seem that *Sir Bohemund* *Kenelm* was married to *Clent*, for that in one part of it is a Church or Chappel called *Kenelms* in the vulgar Rythme, which confirms the same.

*That in Clent on Comback under a Thorne,
Lieth King Kenelme with his Head off shorne.*

Tame

Tame takes its first beginning about *Oldbury*, being a Mile or something more Eastward from *Dudley* Castle, whether a Man might say, that place to be some principle Seat of that Borrough, of the first place, where the first Barons in the *Saxons* time before the Conq. were seated or not, I stand in doubt only, the name of *Oldbury* or Borrough an old Saxon word signifying an old Place or Town of account, would give some little light that so it should be.

Tame passing from *Oldbury* North-West for two Miles or more, reneweth a little Brook at *Tibbinton* vulgo *Tipton*, which comes from *Sedgeley*, at the Conq. one *Will.* held *Tibbington* of the Bishop, not long after one *Will.* the Son of *Will. filius Warini* was L. thereof, in right of his Wife *Lucia Savage*, who had by her Sir *Jeffery Fitzwarren*, Knt. who had issue *John Fitzwarren*; but afterwards in *Henry 2d's* time, *Robert Wirley alias Wyrely* was Lord thereof, in whose Posterity it continued to this Day.

Tame being past *Tipton*, leaveth *Bis-son* two Miles West, twenty Conq. the Cannons of *Hampton* held the same, there dwelleth in the same Town a Gentleman of the Name of *Morsley*, and two Miles from *Tame* East, is West *Bromwich*, whereof as I take it was L. 21 E. 1.

one *Richard Basset*, and now one of the *Stanleys* hath a Seat.

Tame being past North, takes its course to *Weedsbury*, which at the Conq. was antient Demesnes of the King, but by him was after given about *Henry 2d's* time, to the Ancestors of *William Heronvile*, in exchange for the Town of *Cobsfiele*, which is in *Oxfordshire*, and is now parcel of the Honour of *Woodstock*, which *William* had issue *Sir John Heronvile*, Knt. who had issue *Henry Heronvile*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Henry*, who had issue *Jone*, Daughter and Heir, married to *Henry Beaumont*, Knt. Uncle and Heir Male to *William Viscount Beaumont*, Son of *Henry Viscount Beaumont*, Son of *John Lord Beaumont*, and *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster*, which *Henry* was the Son of *Ed. 2d.* Son of *3d. Hen.* Son of *John Lord Beaumont*, was the Son of *Henry Lord Beaumont*, and *Alicia* the Daughter of *Alexander Covill* Earl of *Bigton* in Scotland, who was the Son of *Alexander* Earl of *Bobun*, and *Agnes* the Daughter of *Roger Swans* the Earl of *Winchester*, and *Eleme* the Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Al-lome* of *Gallway* and *Margaret*, *David* Earl of *Huntingdon* and *Margaret* Daughter of *Hugh*

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Hugh Kevelock Earl of *Chester*, *David* was the Son of *Henry* Earl of *Huntington*, who was the Son of *David* King of *Scots*, the Son of *Malcome* and *Marg.* Daughter of *Ed.* the Outlaw: *Henry* Lord *Beaumont* was the Son of *Lewis* the 8th King of *France*, *Sir Henry Beaumont* who married *Jone Leventroope*, had issue *Henry Beaumont*, who married *Ellenor* the Daughter of *John* Lord *Dudley*, who had issue *Sir Henry Beaumont*, Knt. who had issue *John*, who had issue *Dorothy*, one of his Daughters married to *Humphry Cumberford*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Humphrey*, who had issue *William*, all four living (1597) the *Cumberfords* being now Lords of *Weedsbury*.

Tame holding on the same Course, makes haste to receive *Walsall* Water, takes its first Spring not far from the two *Worleys* Great and Little, the third called *Norton*, for that it stands North from the other two *Nortons*, *Almicus*^{an} held of the Bishop, and the other of the Bishop of *Chester*, as being member of *Litchfield*, 20 Conq. About *Henry* the 2d's time, as I take it, was *William Dunstons* Land for *Adam* Son of *Robert de Parva*, *Wirley* bought vnam *Virgat: Terra* of him *Hen.* 3d, as also 12 *Ed.* 3. *Hugo de Loges* was owner of the Lands

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there, which he held by serieauncy to keep the Forest of *Canock*.

And in 9 *Edward 2.* *Robt de Knightley* was Lord of *Wirley*.

Walsall Water being past the *Wirleys*, runneth between *Pelshall* and *Bloxwiche*.

The Cannons of *Hampton* held *Pelshall* & Comes *Rogerus de Montegomerici Blechworth* 20 Conq. which I suppose to be *Bloxwiche*.

Walsall Water being past *Pelshall*, leaveth *Alrewiche* almost a Mile Westward, *Robt.* held *Alrewiche* of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi* 20 Conq.

About *Henry 3ds* time it was the Seat of *Robt. Stepleton*, where in the Church is a fair cross-leg'd Monument of the said *Robert Stepleton*, and also of one *Nicholas de Alrewize*.

And afterwards *Henry Harecourt* had *Stepleton's* Lands there, and since the *Hilaries*, and lastly the Lord *Ferrers* were Owners of *Alrewiche*.

Walter Father of this present Earl of *Essex* sold it, as I take it, to *Robert Stamford* now living.

There was in *Alrewiche* a House of Gentlemen of good Account, which called themselves *Alrewiche*: And it would seem that *Alrewiche* is within the Man-

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por of *Barre*, for so I have seen it named in some evidence.

Walshall Water passing on runneth thro' *Rushall*.

XX Conq. *Robert* held it of *Willielmus filius Ausculsi*.

About *Henry* 1st time *Nigellus* was Lord thereof.

Nigellus had issue *Osbert*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Alice*, married to Sir *Hugh Bowles*, Knt., who had issue by her *William*, who had issue *William*, who had issue a third *William*, who had issue *Catherine*, first married to *John Hewet*, by whom she had issue *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Hecstall*, and *Margaret* married to *William Stokeley*. *Katherine* was married afterwards to *Robert Groberd*, who had issue by her *William Groberd*, that called himself *Rushall*, and had issue *Elienor* married to Sir *John Harper*, who had issue *William Harper*, who had issue another Sir *John Harper*, Knt. who had issue *Robert Harper*, *Dorothy* and *Elizabeth*: *Robert* had issue *Dorothy* married to Sir *Anthony Kingston*, and after to Sir *Richard Egerton*, Knt. but had no issue, so that the Lands came to her two Aunts. *Dorothy* was married to *Thomas Hoorde* of *Bridgnorth* who had issue by her *Frances*, married

ried to *Thomas Farmer*. *Frances* also died without issue, *Elizabeth* was married to *William Leghe* Son of Sir *Roger Leghe* of *Wellington*, which *Roger* was Son of *Richard* a second Son of *John Leghe* of the *Ridge* in *Cheshire*.

William Leghe had issue *Henry*, who had issue *Edw.* who possesseth *Rushall*, and hath issue *Henry Leghe*, both living Anno 1597.

In *Rushall* is a fair Seat of a House: The House built about with a Wall, and a Gate-house of Stone, all embattled Castle-wise, where is also a Park, &c.

Walshall Water being past *Rushall*, enters into *Walshall*.

As I take it, *Robert* held the same of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*, 20 Conq.

But about *Henry* the 3ds time, *Willielmus Rufus* held it in Fee-farm of the King, paying 26 Pound 19 Shillings.

9 Ed. 2. *John Somerye* and *Tho. Rows* were joint Lords thereof.

And 17 Ed. 3. *Basset* was Lord of it; since it came to the King's hands, but by what occasion I can't learn.

Queen *Mary* gave the same to *Richard Wilburnham*, Father of *Thomas*, now Lord thereof.

In *Walshall* hath bin a Park, and there is also a very fair Church, where are di-

vers Monuments, but especially one fair one, of one of the *Hillaries*.

Walshall Water a little beneath the Town, receives on the West-side a Brook that cometh from *Wilnhalle*, which 20 Conq. belonged to the Canons of *Hamp-ton* and *Derlaston*, whereof *William* of *Derlaston* was Lord about *Henry* the 3d's time, *Thomas* of *Derlaston* was Lord 34 Ed. 1. and 9 Ed. 2.

Walshall Water having increased it self with this Brook, shortly after enters it self into *Tame*, which leaveth *Barre* a Mile Eastward.

XX Conq. *Drogo* held it of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*, as also he did *Pirie* and *Hondsworth*. In King *John*'s time *Barre* was divided into two Mannors, *Magna Barre* and *Parva Barre*, and *Guido* held *Magna Barre*, and one *Richard* was Lord of *Parva Barre*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Henry* held *Magna Barre*, and *Robert* held *Parva Barre* of *Roger Somerye*.

In 9 Ed. 2. *John Somerie* held *Magna Barre*, and *John de Parva*, *Parva Barre*. 15 Ed. 2. one *Robert* was Lord of *Magna Barre*, and (I think) the same *John* was Lord of *Parva Barre*.

Pirie stands two Miles lower upon the same side of *Tame* that *Barre* doth.

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About King *John's* time one *Henry de Pirrie* was Lord thereof, whom I think had issue *Richard*. And 9 *Ed.* 2. another *Richard* was Lord thereof, and yet in *Ed.* 1st time, or *Henry* the 3ds, one *William Wirley* gave to *Philip* his Son and Heir, all his Lands, Tenements, Rents, and Services, in *Pirrie*, *parva Barre*, and *Estcote*, that is to say, the Homage, Services and Fortunes, of *Grey* his Son, of *Roger* the Son of *Richard*, of *Henry* of *Pirrie*, *John* the Son of *Robert* his Brother, of *John de Wilnall*, of *Nicholas* his Brother, of *Raufe* the Son of *Henry Fulmer* of *parva Barre*, and of *Kiniat*. And yet Testee to the same Deed was *Richard* Lord of *Pirrie*.

And now it is the Seat of *Robert Stamford*, Son of *Sir William Stamford*, Knt. late Justice.

Over against *Pirrie* on the North side of *Tame*, is *Hamstede*, the Seat of the *Wirleys*. Now *Humfrey Wirley* is Heir thereof.

He was the Son of *John*, who was the Son of *Thomas*, who was the Son of *William*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *John*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *Roger*, the Son of *Cornelius*, the Son of *Roger*, the Son of *John*, the Son of another *John*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of another *Robert*, the Son (I think) of *Adam*, who was the Son of *Robert de*

parva Wirley, whom I think lived either in *Henry the 2d's* time, or before.

Farther from *Tame* also Westward, is *Sandall*, sometime a House of Religion, and now the Son of *Thomas Whorwood*, the Son of *William*, the Son of *Robert*, second Son of *John Whorwood*, and Brother of *Edward Whorwood* of *Compton*.

A Mile lower Southwards, upon the West-side of *Tame* is *Hondesworth*, where *Tame* enters into *Warwickshire*.

As I have said before, *Drogo* held the same 20 Conq. of *Willielmus filius Aufculti*. And about *Henry the 2d's* time, one *Paganus de Parles* held the same, in right of *Alicia* his Wife.

And about *Henry the 3d's* time, Sir *William Parles*, Knt. lived.

15 Ed. 1. and after 13 Ed. 3. *Walter Parles* lived, and had issue *Raufe Parles*, who lived until 17 R. 2.

And in 32 *Henry the 6th*, the Wardship of *Joane*, Daughter and Heir of *John Parles*, was granted to *William Cumberford*, who married her to *John* his Son.

Tame having entred into *Warwickshire*, between *Pirie* and *Hondsworth*, so continues for the space of a dozen Miles or thereabouts, comes not near *Staffordshire*, until it come to *Drayton Bassett*, where it is the Meare betwixt *Warwickshire* and *Stafford-*

Staffordshire, and so continued for two or three Miles, that it comes to *Tamworth*, where again it enters into the Shire, and makes it self a *Staffordshire River*.

Drayton 20 of the Conq. was the Lands of *Thurstone* (de) *Basset*, and contained five Hydes of Land, which *Thurstone* had issue *Raufe Basset*, who under *Henry* the 1st, was *Justiciarius Anglia*, and constituted many good Laws, as the Law of *Franc Pledge*, and such others. He also perswaded the King, whereby the Court of *Exchequer* was order'd to remain in one certain place, and was buried at *Abingdon*, all his Sons honourably accompanied him to his Sepulchre.

Drayton
Basset

He had Sons, *Thurstone*, *Thomas*, of whom descended the Barons of *Hedington*, and *Wycombe*. *Richard* of whom descended the Barons of *Witteringe*; *Weldon* and *Drayton*, and *Nicholas*, which was overthrown by standing with King *Stephen*, against *Henry* the second.

Richard Basset Married *Maude* the only Daughter and Heir of *Geffrey Ridell*, Lord of *Witteringe*, by *Gava* his Wife, the Daughter and Heir of *Robert Bussie* Lord of *Weldone*, and by her had issue *Geffrey*, who surnamed himself *Riddell*, and was a great Baron and Lord of *Witteringe*. *Richard Basset* Baron of *Weldone*,

done, *Raufe Basset* Baron of *Drayton*, and *William Basset* Shiriff of *Warwickshire*, and Justice in Itinere of the Shires of *Lincoln*, *Nottingham*, *Derby*, *Stafford*, *Warwick*, *Northampton*, and *Leicester*, 22 *Henry* 2. and to whom *Osbert Basswyne* gave the Mannor of *Chedle*.

Raufe Basset Baron of *Drayton*, had issue another *Raufe*, who had issue a third *Raufe*, who had issue a fourth *Raufe*, who had issue a fifth *Raufe*. *Margaret* Married to *Edmund* Baron of *Stafford*, and *Maude* to *William Herize*.

The fifth *Raufe* had issue a sixth *Raufe*; who dyed before his Father, leaving one Son only, (and no other Children) called *Raufe*, who was also after the Death of his Grandfather, Baron of *Drayton*, and dyed without issue, and lies buried in the Minster at *Litchfield*, under a goodly Monument. So his Barony and Lands, were divided betwixt his two great Aunts, or their Children.

Margaret who had *Drayton* for her part, and was married to *Edmund* Baron of *Stafford*, had issue *Raufe* first Earl of *Stafford*, to whom descended *Drayton*, and in whose Posterity it remained till the Attainder of *Edward* last Duke of *Buckingham*, by reason whereof, it escheated to the King, who made a Lease thereof for many Years to
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one *Robinson*, whose Son mortgag'd and sold the same to *Richard Paramore*, who having much Sute and Trouble about it, passed over his Interest to my Lord of *Leicester*, who left the same to the Countess his Wife, whereby *Sir Christopher Blount* who hath married her, and She, are now Owners of the said Mannor and Honour; and (as I hear) *Sir Christopher* hath either purchased the Inheritance thereof, or at the least, taken it in Fee-Farm.

Tame having wasted the Banks of *Drayton* (for the space almost of two Miles) receiveth on the Westside a Brook called *Black-Brooke*, which taketh its beginning about *Hammerwicke*, whereof I have spoken as much as I know before, and from thence passeth by *Chesterfield*, whereof I Read nothing, except that about *Richard* the 1st's time, *Alane* of *Cumberford* was Lord thereof.

And then leaving *Shenston* a goodly Mannor, and a Park half a Mile Southwards, so passeth on to *Thickbroome*.

Scertestane (which I take to be this *Shenestone*) was holden of the King 20 of the Conq. by one *Leonilde*.

About King *John*'s time, it was holden of *Henry D'oylie* his Barony.

And after in *Henry* the 3d's time, when *Henry* first Earl of *Warwick*, had married *Marga-*

Margaret Sister and Heir of *Henry Doyle*, it was holden of the Earl of *Warwick* their Son, by one *Robert de Grendon*, by the sixth part of a great Fee, *de veteri feoffmento*, which *Robert* (as I take it) had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Raufe*. For 9 *Edw.* 2. *Raufe Grendon* was Lord thereof, in whose Posterity it continued (as I have heard) until one of them committed a forfeiture of his Hand by striking in the Court: For the Redemption whereof, he yielded the said Mannor to the King.

*Forfeiture of
Hand by striking
in the Kings
Court.*

In *Shenston* is the Habitation of a Gentleman of the Surname of *Rugeley*. The *Black Brooke* being past *Thickbroome*, (a Member of the Bishops Barony of *Litchfield*) remains the Mear between the Shires of *Stafford* and *Warwick*, for the space of two Miles, and leaveth *Weyford* a little Northward: So called (I think) because *London* way passeth there over a Forde of the said Brook, it being well and deep for the most part in other places.

XX of the Conq. *Raufe* held the same of the Bishop, as a Member of his Barony of *Litchfield*.

And 24 *Ed. Will.* *de Odnigfells* held *Weford* and *Thickbroome* of the Bishop, by a Knights Fee.

From *Weford* it passeth to *Hintes*.

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XX Conq. *Oswaldus* held it of the Bishop, as a Member of his Barony of *Litchfield*.

And 24 Ed. 1. *Hugo de Maynell*, held *Maynell* of the Bishop, by half a Knights Fee.

And from him it descended to his Son *Giles*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Hugh*, who had issue *Thomasine*, first married to *Hugh Erdeswicke*, but he dyed without issue, and after to *Reginald Dethicke*: *Margaret* married to *Roger Dethicke*, eldest Brother to *Reginald*, *Joan* married to *Climton*, and *Alice* married to *Aston*, but she dyed without issue.

In the partition of *Menill's* Lands, both *Hintes* and *Langley* in *Derbyshire*, fell to *Thomasine*, who had issue by her Husband *Roger Dethicke*, *Margaret* their only Daughter and Heir, married to *Raufe Bassett* of *Blore*, by whom she had issue *William Bassett*, *Cecely* married to *Hugh Erdeswicke*, and (as I think) another Son to whom *Hintes* was given in Appennage: For at this Day one of the *Bassets*, hath his Seat at *Hintes*.

The *Black Brooke* being past *Hintes*, entreth into *Tame* above *Faseley* Bridge, which holdeth on its Course to *Tamworth*, divided Town; for the Castle and some part of the Town stands in *Warwickshire*, and

and the Church, and the rest, in *Staffordshire*.

Tameworth is a very proper Market-Town, and makes two Burgeses to the Parliament House, one for *Staffordshire* part, and another out of *Warwickshire* part.

There are divers Gentlemen that have Houses in the same Town, as Sir *Humfrey Ferrers*, who is Lord of the Castle, but because it is in *Warwickshire*; tho' I could say something to the purpose, who have ever since the Conquest bin Owners thereof, and how it came to the *Ferrers*, yet will I leave it for Mr. *Henry Ferrers* of *Adesley*, both because I would have him to do for *Warwickshire*, as I have done for *Stafford*, as also, coming out of the same House, he cannot (being so great an Antiquary) but know all that is to be had of his own House.

In *Staffordshire* side there is a House of the *Bretons*, who have very long had their Seat there. For 9 *Edw.* 2. *John Breton* was of *Tameworth*: He had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *John* and *William*, since which time the Race of them have continued until this day.

There is also there, a House of the *Harecourts*, *Edward Harecourt* now living, was the Son of *Walter*, who was the Son of *Richard*, second Son of *Thomas*
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Harecourt of Raunton, Son and Heir of *John Harecourt of Raunton*, fourth Son of *Sir Robert Harecourt of Ellenhall* and *Staunton Harcourt, Knt.*

Tame having taken leave of *Tamerworth*, enters between *Hopwayes* and *Cumberland*, leaving the one on the West, the other on the East.

Hopways 20 Conq. was in the Kings own hands.

Alanus de Hopways in *Henry* the 3ds time dwelled there.

Paginton which stands two Miles farther, West from *Tame*, was holden of the Bishop 20 Conq. by *Utechell*.

In *Henry* the 2d's time, *Robertus de Packington*, and 24 *Ed. 1. David de Packington* held it of the Bishop, by the fourth part of a Knights Fee.

And 1 *Ed. 2. Thomas Basset* was of *Packington*.

Now *William Stamford* is Owner of *Packington*, and *William Comberford* of *Hopways*.

William Stamford was the Son of *Edw.* the Son of *William*, the Son of *Thomas*, the Son of *William Stamford*, who both had *Paginton*, *Rowley* by *Stafford*, and other Lands given him (as the Report is) for taking the Duke of *Longvile* Prisoner 16

Aug. 5 Henry the 8th, besides *Terravanan*. *Corowin in Cumber-land*

Cumberford standing on the East-side of *Tame*, is a Member of *Wigginton*, which stands off by the space of a Mile, and yet in *Cumberford* (it being a Mannor of it self, though a Member of another) is the Seat of a very anrient Race of Gentlemen, taking the name of the place.

Of *Wiginton* was Lord about *Henry* the first, or seconds time (I know not well whether) one *Thomas filius Roberti*, as appears by the Copy of a Deed here following.

Thomas filius Roberti, hominibus suis & amicis saltem sciant omnes tam qui sunt, quam qui futuri sunt me concessisse Alano de Comerfort, & Hereditibus suis Virgatam Terre & dimid. que fuit Rogeri de Witintonia, a me & hereditibus meis, p. Servicio unius lib. piperis: Test. Rob. Fil. Galfr. Rob. Pingnat Rog. Capellano, Willielmo de Hales, Rog. de Hadesford, Godefrido Briano Sacerdote Nicholao de Licefelde, & multis aliis.

Whether a Man may say that this *Thomas filius Roberti*, were the Nephew of *Hugh Famvile*, and that *Erenburga* that was married to *Hugo de Hastings* were his Aunt or not, I stand in doubt; but sure

sure I am, that *John Hastings* Lord of *Abargavenny* was Lord thereof 9 Ed: 2.

And *Nevile* Lord of *Abergavenny* sold it to *Thomas Cumberford*, yet living. So that *Comberforde* is now Lord both of *Comberforde* and *Wiggington*.

Alanus de Cumberfort, was Lord of *Cumberfort* (as you may partly above perceive) in *Henry* the 1st's or 2d's time. He had issue another *Alanus*, who had issue *Roger*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *John*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *Humfrey*, who had issue *Thomas*, who had issue *William*, who hath issue *Humfrey*, who hath issue *William*, all four living Anno 1596.

A little lower upon the Bank of *Tame*, stands both *Tamehorne* and *Tinmore*.

Tamehorne was holden 20 of the Conq. by *Nigellus Greysley* ^{ius} Ancestors of the Bps.

In *Henry* the 2d's time, *Rob. de Thamenhorne* held it by half a Knights Fee. And 24 Ed 1. *Willielmus de Thamenhorne* held the same of *Geffrey Greseley*, per quartam partem Feodi, and the same *Geffrey* of the Bishop, by the same Services.

This *William* (I think) was the Son of *Thomas*, who was the Son of *John*, and *William* was the Father or Grandfather of
Thomas,

Thomas, which *Thomas* was also the Father or Grandfather of another *Thomas*, who dyed 4 *Henry* the 5th, and left *William Vinton* in ward for it.

Ranulfe held *Tinmore* of the Bishop 20 of the Conq.

And about *Henry* the 1st's time, *Simon Clericus de Litchfield* was Lord thereof, who had issue *Petronell* his Daughter and Heir, married to one *Godard*, who called himself *Godard de Tinmore*, who had issue *William*, which was Lord thereof; who had issue *Hugh* 5 of King *John*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Hugh*, which *Hugh* held *Tinmore*, *Freford*, and *Frodswell* of the Bishop, by a Knights Fee, 24 Ed. 1. who had issue *John*, whose Heir *Alice*, was married to *John Heronvile*, who by her had issue *John Heronvile*. In which Line of the *Heronviles*, and of the *Beumonts* of *Wodensbury* (one of which married the Daughter and Heir of *Heronvile*) it continued until the three Daughters and Heirs of the last *John Beumont* of *Wodensbury* were married. The eldest, *Joan*, to *William Babington*, *Dorothy*, the second, to *Humfrey Cumberland*, and the youngest, *Eliazor*, to *Humfrey Babington*, which *Tinmore* in the Division, was allotted to *William Babington* and *Joan* his Wife, who had issue *Anthony Babington*, who had issue

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issue *William*, who had issue *Anthony Babbington* that sold it (not long since) to *Peter Rosse*, as I take it, and he to *Stanley*, who sold it over, I think, to *Michael Lowe*, an Attorney in the King's House.

Two Mile farther West from *Tame* lies *Stotfold*, which one *Richard Salvein* in *Henry 2d's* time, and after one *Robert Salvein* held, together with *Hasefover* by a Knights Fee. And of which was Lord 24 *Ed. 1.* one *Geffrey Camvile*, and held it and *Hasefover* of the Bishop, by a Knights Fee: From whom it descended to *Stafford*, and from the *Staffords* to *Ardēn*, and from him to the *Stanleys*, and from them to *Hercye*, who was Owner thereof in the right of his Wife, who together gave the same from their next Heir of it, to *Humfrey Wolverston*, who had issue *Hercye Wolverston* now Owner thereof.

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Not far eastward stands *Whittington*, whereof *Roger Fewke* and *Richard Puer* were sometimes Lord, and which *Richard le Child* held of the Bishop, 24 *Ed. 1.* by the fifth part of a Knights Fee, and now one of the *Everards* hath a House there, which descended to him from his Mother *Clerks* Daughter and Heir, first married to *Humfrey Everard*, and now Captain *Wildson's* Wife.

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A Mile

A Mile lower than *Comerfort*, upon the same side of *Tame* Bank stands *Elforde*, a goodly Seat of a House, now possessed by Sir *John Bowes*.

Before the Conquest *Algarus* was Lord of it.

And 20 *William* Conq. the King himself was owner of it.

About *Henry* 3d's time one *Walkelinus de Arderne* was owner of *Elford*. And 9 Ed. 2. *John Arderne* had it.

15 Ric. 2. Sir *Thomas Arderne* was Lord of it; he had issue Sir *John Arderne*, who had issue *Maud*, married to *Thomas Stanley* second Son of Sir *John Stanley*, Knight of the Garter, and Lieutenant of Ireland, and of *Isabell* his Wife, Sir *Thomas Lathom's* Daughter and Heir.

Sir *Thomas Stanley* and *Maud Arderne* his Wife, had issue Sir *John Stanley* his Son and Heir, and Sir *Humfrey Stanley*, Knight Baneret, his second Son.

John Stanley had issue a Son slain in his Infancy, with a Ball, (whose Monument being in *Elford* Church of a Childs holding a Ball to his and written upon, *Ubi Dolor ibi digitus*) *Margaret* married *William Stanton*, and a second Daughter married to *Henry Ferrers*, and a third married to *Savage* of *Worcestershire*.

William Stanton and *Margaret* his Wife, had issue *Anne*, married to *Sir William Smyth*, Knight, who had issue *Margery*, married to *Richard Huddleston*, who had issue *Anne* married to *Sir John Bowes*, yet living, and *Lucia* married to *John Brooke*.

Sir John Bowes hath issue *Richard Bowes*, who hath married *Kebell* of *Leicestershire's* Daughter and Heir.

Sir John Bowes in the partition of his Wife's Lands had *Elford* allotted unto him, and *Brooke Haselover*, a Town standing on the same side of *Tame*, but a Mile farther off.

Haselover 24 Ed. 1. was the Lands of *Geffery Camvile*, who, as I suppose, had issue *William Camvile*, who had issue *Maud*, married to *Richard Stafford*, second Brother to *Rauf* first Earl *Stafford*, which *Richard* and *Maud* had issue *Sir Thomas Stafford*, Knight, *Edmund* Bishop of *Excester* and *Catherine*.

Sir Thomas had issue *Thomas* that dyed without issue.

Catherine was married to *Sir John Arderne*, Knight; who had issue *Maud*, married to *Sir Thomas Stanley*, before spoken of, who had issue *Sir John Stanley*, in the Line of whose Posterity it continued, until it was allotted to *John Brooke*, who had it

in the right of his Wife *Lucia*, by whom he had issue *Robert Brooke*, who had issue *James, William, Susan* and *Eleanor*.

Tame being past *Elforde*, receives on the West-side a little Brook, which takes its beginning at *Swyneten*, where is a House of a Gentleman, taking their Name from the Place.

Willielmus Swinten, Armig. married *Jocosa*, I think, one of the two Daughters and Heirs of *William Sparnore*, 13 H. 6.

This Brook, keeping on its course, enters into *Tame*, leaving *Fisherwike* on the West Bank thereof.

And not far from *Tame*, *Roger Durdent* held *Fisherwike* of the Bishop 24 Ed. 1. And 4 Ed. 2. *Nicholas Durdent* was Lord of it, which I suppose, was procured to some of his Ancestors of the same Name, by their Kinsman *Walter Durdent* Bishop of *Litchfield*, in the beginning of *Henry 2.* time.

About Ed. 3d's time, as I think, it came to the possession of Sir *Roger Hillarye*, and in the division of his Lands was allotted to *Elizabeth* his eldest Daughter, which was married to Sir *William De la Planche*, from whom it descended to their Daughter *Elizabeth*, Lady *Clynton*, who enfeofed the same, together with other Lands to *Thomas Wydevile, John Longevile, John Barton*

Barton and others, and after she dyed without issue, but what became of it after, I cannot yet learn, by what Title or means *Skeffington* now Owner thereof came thereto, but there he hath seated himself and built a very proper Brick-House.

From thence this little Brook passing presently, enters *Tame*, which takes its course, without touching any notorious place, until it enters into *Trent*. But a little before the entry into it, it receiveth Eastwardly a pretty River which is called *Meese*, which cometh forth of *Leicestershire*, first passeth by *Chilcote*, leaving it something removed from the South-bank, so called, as I think, because it was one *Childe* his Land.

41 E. 3. One *Richard Childcote*, was, as I take it, Owner thereof, and so continued till 11 Ric. 2. But whose it was before or since, I know not.

Meese being past *Childecote*, leaving on the same side *Clifton* and *Haumton*, but nearer his Bank.

Haumton is a Member of *Clifton*, and are both the Inheritance of *Walter Hening-* *Hovningham*
ham, who inherits it as being the Son of *Christofer* the Son of *Erasmus Heningham*, and his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Isabell*, the Wife of *Walter Moyle*, and

Daughter and only Heir, that had Children, of *John Stanley*, Son of *Sir Humfrey Stanley*, Knight Baneret, Son of *Sir John*, Knt. Baneret, Son of *Thomas Stanley* and *Maud* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Sir John Arderne* and *Catherine* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Richard Stafford*, and *Maud* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Sir William Camvile* Lord thereof, 9 E. 2. and Son of *Geffrey Camvile* of *Clifton*, the Son of *William*, who lived, or his Father *William 2do Regis Johannis*, whose Seat it was for many Descents.

And 20 Conq. the King held it, and *Algarus Comes* before the Conq. Beneath *Hampton*, and on the same side as the *Mase* stands *Hernulveston*, vulgariter *Harleston*.

Before the Conq. *Algarus Co.* held it. And 20 Conq. the King held it.

Before, or in the beginning of *Hen. 3.* *Gilbertus Franceys* was Lord of *Harleston*, and after in *Hen. 3d's* time *Sir Richard Vernon*, Knight, held it of *William Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, and had it from his Father, *Sir William Vernon* Justice of *Chester*, 15 H. 3.

Sir Richard had issue *Richard Vernon* of *Harleston*, who lived 30 E. 1. who had issue a third *Richard*, who had issue *William*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue a third *Sir Richard*, that

that was Captain of *Roane*, who had issue *Sir William Vernon*, Constable of England, Deputy 38 or 39 of *Henry* the 6th.

Sir William had issue *Sir Henry*, who had issue *Richard*, who had issue *Sir George*, who had issue *Margaret*, married to *Sir Thomas Stanley*, and *Dorothy* to *John Mannors*, his two Heirs.

Sir Thomas Stanley and *Margaret*, had issue *Edward Stanley*, now Lord of *Harleston*.

Something lower upon the same side of the River stands *Edinghall*; 20 Conq. *Rob.* held it of *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*.

Tame having past *Edinghall*, joins hands with *Trent*, but looſeth the credit of his Name.

Trent being now the Meer between *Staffordshire* and *Derbyshire*, receiveth no beautifaction on *Staffordshire* side, as following the wild Forests of *Needwood*, and therefore to omit *Barton* under *Needwood*, in the King's hands 20 Conq. was after given to *Henry Ferrers*, as a Member of his Barony in demeane, and so he held it, and in *Henry* the 3ds time lost it with the rest.

A Mile before *Trent* comes to *Burton*, there enters into it a little Brook coming out of *Needwood*, but there is nothing upon it worth Noting, except a Man

should account *Tatenel* for a beauty, whereof I never heard any Man make any great account, except (*Thomas Leeson*) a poor Priest, that was Parson of *Packington* in *Leicestershire*, and was born there; who commending in a sort his Birth place, left these Verses upon his Monument in *Packington Church*.

*Me Tatenell genuit, ast Ashbi davia Nutrix,
Packington tumulus, sic mea fata ferunt.*

Braunston famous for Grindstones, which 20 Conqueror was holden of the King by the Abbot of *Burton*. The Abbots whereof so held it until the dissolution of the House.

In *Burton* are divers things worth the noting.

As first, a goodly Abbey was there founded by one *Wilfricus Spot*, and *Ælswitha* his Wife, Saxons, long before the Conquest, and was of that Credit, that the Abbots having great Lands, rising to the estimation of a Barony, were called to the Parliament House.

XX of the Conq. belonging to the said House (in *Staffordshire*) were these Towns following, viz. 1 hide & dimid. in *Stafford*, *Brawnlestone*, *Witemere*, *Strat-*
ton,

ton, Brunlege, Derlavestone, Wittestone, Navven and Bedinton.

In that part of the Church which I think then belonged to the Parish, for it is now used as the Parish Church, but joins unto the decayed Abbey-Church, which seems to have been a very goodly One, for the ruins be very large; there lies a Monument, which whether it were ever in the same place it now lieth in, or removed out of the part that is decayed, I stand in doubt: For it lieth close to the New Wall, that now divides the Church from the Ruins, and is so broke and defaced, that one would think it had been removed. Which Monument, the common Fame (of the unskilful) Reports to have been the Tomb of the first Founder *Wilfricus Spot*, and that cannot in any wise be so. For being of Alabaster, it is fashioned both for Armour, Sheild, and all other things, something like to our new Monuments; so that *Edw.* the 3d's time is the oldest that can possibly be. And a Man would rather by the Sheild (for it is square at both ends, and flourished with Gold both above and beneath, as the *Londoners* set out Sheilds in their Pageants) think it were of *Edw.* the 4th's or *Henry* the 7th's time, and yet I can by no means learn whose it should be, and
Writing

Writing there is none. The Sheild is of Gold, and a blue Cross engrailed, charged with five Mullets Silver thereon.

If it be indeed the Founders Sheild (as it may be, for I have seen the Coat well and old in other places, both of the Church and Town) then did some of the Abbots of late time make this Monument new, in respect of some old one that was decayed, as it might be they did; for that you know the Monks were very careful to set out gay things for their Founders, to the end it might be thought they were not unmindful of good Men which were their Benefactors. But surely I rather conjecture it was made for some Benefactor of theirs that hath lived in later times than *Wilfricus Spotte* did.

There is also a goodly Bridge well wrought, of very good Stone, of 34 Arches over *Trent*, for *Trent* begins before it comes there to be a reasonable good big River.

Some be of Opinion also, that the first Founder built the same Bridge, which cannot be, for the Bridge seemeth much newer than it would do if it should be of so great continuance. And besides there are evidences yet extant to be seen, that were made by one *William de la Warde*, wherein is expressed that the said *William*,

in

in the time of Bernard Abbot of Burton
*dedidit terram Pontis de Burton, reddendo
 vid. annuatim sibi ei heredibus suis im-
 perpetuum.*

I take it that this *William de la Warde*,
 was the Father of *Robert de la Warde*,
 that lived in *Henry* the 3d's time, who
 had much Lands in the Country, as *New-
 hall, Staunton*, and much others. And
 to induce me so to think, the Arms of
 the said *Robert*, and rest of the *De la
 Wardes*, being *Voery Arg. and Black*,
 stands very old in *Burton Church*.

Also *Rob. de Bersing Coate* gave one A-
 cre of Land in *prato de Burscote juxta
 Trent pro fabrica pontis de Burton*.

So that it is clear, that the Bridge was
 made of much later time than the Ab-
 bey was finished.

In *Burton* is also a House of the *Blounts*,
 which have been there for a good conti-
 nuance.

Trent holding out the Course Northeast,
 at the parting receives *Doze*, a very fair
 River, having one of the best Banks of
 any River in *England*.

It is the Mear between *Stafford* and
Derbyshire from its first Spring, until it
 comes into *Trent*.

Doze then takes its beginning at the
Thrieshire Mear, where the very Spring
 stands,

stands, between *Cheshire*, *Derbyshire* and *Staffordshire*, and so holds on its Course through a Mountainous wild Country, and hath neither Gentleman's House nor good Town. For until it be past the Mountain Country, the Bank is not of that estimation I have before spoken of, being very narrowly penn'd in with Mountains, so that the Name of the Bank for a good space, is called *Narrow Dale*: In the end whereof a Gentleman hath his Seat, the place and the Man having both the Name of *Beresford*.

Edward Beresford hath now his Seat there, *Edward* was the Son of *Sampson*, the Son of *Robert*, the Son of *John*, the Son of *John*, which first *John* lived in *Henry* the 6ths time, &c.

Do^{ne} being past *Beresford*, leaveth *Allstone Field*, whereof *Beresford* is a Member a Mile Westward.

XX Conq. *Willielmus de Malbance* held the same *de Comite Rogerio de Montegomerici*, which *William* had issue *Hugh*, who had issue *William*, who had issue three Daughters, of whom see more, when I speak of *Namptwicke* in *Cheshire*, by reason of the division between the three Daughters, whom also in process of time had issue Daughters,

Alston-

Alston Field (now one Man affecting to seat himself in that wild Country) was divided into many parts. For although in 9 Ed 2. *Hugo le Despencer*, and *Nichol. Audley*, are only said to be Lords thereof, yet were there divers other Lords, which (their purparty being but small) were omitted to be spoken of in the Record. The most whereof are now come by purchase to *Harper of Swareston* in *Derbyshire*.

Alston Field is a great large Seignorie, hath many Hamlets, hath also of old time been Forest Lands, and hath many Privileges belonging unto it.

Doue having past by the side of *Alston Field*, for three or four Miles, without any matter worth the noting, at last recovereth on the West part a pretty Brook *receiveth* (for its many Turnings, by reason of the Mountains, and the unevenness of the Ground, called *Manifolde*) which taketh its beginning within a Mile of the head of *Doue*, and fellow like, keepeth its Course with it, never being above two Miles from it until they meet.

Somewhat near unto the head whereof is *Longnore*, a Village now something spoken of; but I think, being in so wild a Country, lay waste at the Conquest, and long after was not inhabited. For I cannot

*His Record
called*

not once find it named in any Record, no
not in *Naming Killarum*, which was taken
in *Edw.* the 2d's time, although I find
another *Longnore*, which being but a
Member of *Water Eaton*, and in another
Hundred, spoken of in divers Records,
whither a Man may think a Member.

Warflaw being four or five Miles low-
er on the same River I doubt.

Wareflaw I think is in *Alston Field*
Parish (though it be four Miles from it)
but a distinct Mannor of it self.

XX of the Conq. *William Mallbauc* held
it (as he did *Alstonfield*) de Co. *Rogerio*
de *Montegom*.

A Mile lower, and half a Mile West-
wards from *Manifold*, stands *Butterton*,
20 Conq. *Robert Stadford's* Lands. And
being past *Butterton* runs to *Wetton*, stand-
ing on the Eastside of the River Bank.

A little lower on the Westside (a Mile
off) is *Grendon*, which *Robert de Stadford*
held 20 of the Conq.

i *Henry 3.* *William Auldeley* held it and
Blore of the Baron of *Stafford*. And 9
Edw. 3. *Johanna le Strange* was Lady of
it, of which you shall see more where I
speak of *Blore*.

Manifold being something past *Grendon*,
receiveth into it *Hans* Eastward, com-
monly called *Watersfall*: For that after it
hath

hath continued running from the Spring seven or eight Miles, it falls into the Ground, and riseth not up again until it come into *Manifold*.

There is not upon this Brook any Town worth the speaking of, except a Town called *Waterfall*, where it falls into the Ground, which is also of so small estimation, that I never find the Name of it (except it be known by some other Name) in any Record.

Within less than half a Mile of the place Southwards, where *Manifold* receives *Hanse* out of the Ground, is *Throwley*, a fair antient House, and a goodly De-meanes, being the Seat of the *Meverels*, a very antient House of Gentlemen, and of goodly living, equalling the best sort of Gentlemen in the Shire; though God hath not for two or three Descents blessed their Heirs with the best Gifts of Nature.

Whether it be a Member of *Cauldon*, or of *Blore*, or *Grendon*, I know not, but I cannot find the Name of *Throwley* in any Record, only I find that *Oliver de Meverell* lived 5th of King *John*, who I suppose had issue *William*, and *William*, *Thomas*, who 2 Ed. 1. had married *Agnes* eldest Daughter of five, and one of the Heirs of *Gerebert de Gayton*.

Manifold

Lawrence Wright

Manifold having left *Throwley*, runneth down to *Ilam* by *Casterne*, sometimes *Ipstone's* Lands, from whom it descended to the *Walkers*, in which Name it continued for a space, until this our Age, that one of them sold it to *Lawrence Wright*, and having past *Ilam* enters into *Done*.

At the meeting of which two, but a little Southwards from them is *Blore*, a goodly antient House and a Park, now the Seat of the *Bassets* of *Staffordshire*.

XX Conq. *Edricus* held it of *Robert de Stafford*.

And 33 Henry 3. *Willielmus de Blore*, who had married *Agnes* Daughter to *Petrus Thornton Clericus Hugon. Co. Cestrie* was Lord of it.

William Blore had issue by the said *Agnes*, *Clementia*, married to *William* younger Son of *Henry de Audeley* and *Eliapor*.

William de Audeley and *Clementia* (who had *Blore* and *Grendon* in the partition) had issue *John Dominus de Blore*, who had issue *Willielmus Dominus de Blore*, who had issue *Alain* Lord of *Blore*, who had issue *Hugh Audeley* Lord of *Blore*, and *Grendon* in the latter end of *Edward* the 2d's time, whose Daughter (or Sister and Heir as I suppose) was married to *John* the Son of *John Basset*, or else to *Sir Henry Braylesford*, Knt. and his Daughter

ter and Heir *John*, was married to Sir *Joand*.
John Basset, Knt. which Sir *John Basset*
 was Son to the aforesaid *John*, Son of
John. And the first of these three *Johns*
 was second Son of *Raufe Basset* of *Che-*
dle, who was the Son of *Raufe*, second
 Son of *William Basset* Justice in Itinere
 22 Henry 2. which *William* was youngest
 Son of *Richard*, youngest Son of *Raufe Ju-*
sticiarius Angl. Son of *Thurstine* 20 Conq.

Sir *John Basset* before spoken of, had
 issue *Raufe Basset* of *Newplace* and *Che-*
dle, who had issue another *Raufe*, who
 had issue *William*, who had issue another
Wil. who had issue a third *Wil.* who had
 issue Sir *William Basset*, Knt. who had issue
William Father of *William Basset* now liv-
 ing, and Lord of *Blore* and *Grendon*.

Done beginning at *Blore* to inlarge his
 Banks, passeth on to *Okeover*, where is
 another fair old House, and a Park, and a
 goodly Demeasne, of which, a Gentleman
 of the Name of *Oker* hath the present Pos-
 session, as descending to him from his An-
 cestors of the same Surname, which have
 continued there ever since the Conquest.

At the Conquest one *Ormus* was Lord
 thereof, who had issue *Raufe* of *Okeover*,
 who had issue *Adam*, who had issue Sir
Hugh, who had issue Sir *Robert*, who had
 issue Sir *John Okeover*, who had issue

Sir Roger, who had issue Sir Thomas, who had issue Sir Philip, all Knights.

Sir Philip had issue Thomas, who had issue Thomas, who had issue Philip, who had issue Raufe, who had issue Humfrey, who had issue Philip, that died in the Life of his Father, and had issue Raufe, Philip and Rowland.

Raufe died leaving five Daughters, and having never a Son, left his Lands to his Brother Philip, who also having no Children but one Daughter, hath married Raufe eldest Son of his Brother ~~Raufe~~ for his Heir.

Rowland

Done having washed the Banks of Okeover, passeth on to Matherfield vulgariter Mayfield. At the Conquest it was in the King's hands, but given by the Conq. after to Henry de Ferrers, and was by the Heirs of him afterwards given to the Priors of Tutbury (as they say) in *Liberam Elemosinam*, in whose possession it continued until the dissolution of the House.

When after it came into the King's Possession, he gave the same, the Seat of the Abbey of Hilton, Bradnoppe, and divers other Lands, to old Sir Edward Aston, in exchange for his Lands at Estede, Michell, Herlavestone, and Londestrobe, which they say, Sir Edward had by descent from his Ancestors. And which Radulfus filius Wilhelmi Camerarii immediately after the Con-

^{gave} Conquest to *William de Mara*, whose Heir the said *Sir Edward* was.

From *Mayfield*, *Done* passeth to *Calwicke*, whereof I can make only this Report, that being or belonging to a Cell or House of Religion, now a *Lancashire* Gentleman is owner thereof, who (as I have heard) hath made a Parlour of the Chancel, a Hall of the Church, and a Kitchen of the Steeple, which may be true, for I have known a Gentleman in *Cheshire* which hath done the like.

Fleethwood

who.

Done being past *Calwicke* visits *Ellaston*.

XX Conq. *Woodman* and *Alfi* held *Elacheston* of *Robert de Stafford*.

Also I find, that about the latter end of King *John's* time, *Willielmus de Audeley cum particibus suis*, held of *Rob. de Stafford*, *Blore*, *Grendon*, and *Athelarton*. And in *Henry the 3d's* time. *Nigellus de Longford* held it of the Baron of *Stafford*.

9 Ed. 2. *Nicholas de Langford* and *Theobald de Verdon* were Lords of *Athelarton*.

Done having left *Ellaston* approacheth *Rowcestre*.

- XX Conq. *Hervey* held *Ruscete* of *Rob. de Stafford*.

And some of the *Staffords* of *Sandon*, either founded there (as I take it) the Priory, or were thereunto great Benefactors. For in that part of the Church which yet standeth for the Parish Church, there are

Monuments yet remaining of them, and very few of any others.

Lib

The sight of the House with the demains being both pleasant and very profitable, for that it stands between *Doue* and *Churnet*, a good pretty Water.

Where it enters into *Doue*, is now the Seat of *Francis* the Son of *Thomas Trentham*, which *Thomas* his Father, being in *Henry* the 8th's time a Favourite, obtained it of the King.

The *Trenthams* derive themselves from a House of the *Trenthams* in *Shropshire*, which in *Henry* the 6th's time were of good account, but now quite decayed or gone, for I know none of the House remaining, this of *Rowcester* excepted, which it pleaseth God to advance in good sort.

Churnet at *Rowcester* entring into *Doue* upon the Westside, hath its first Spring within less than two Miles also of *Doue* Head, though it wander something further off then *Manifold* did, and therefore is longer e're it shake Hands with it.

Churnet passing from the Head through one of the barrenest Countries I know, hath not any place worth the naming till it come to *Dieu le Creyse*, an Abbey founded by the last *Ranulfe* Earl of *Chester*.

The said House with the most things belonging unto it, was given in King *Edw.* the 6th's time to Sir *Raufe Baggenholt* for his

his Advancement. But Sir *Raufe* (good Fellow like) dispers'd & *dedit Pauperibus*: For he sold it to the Tenants for the most part, to every Man his own, at so reasonable a Rate, that they were well able to perform the Purchase thereof, and spend the Mony he received Gentleman like, leaving his Son Sir *Samuel Bagenholt* (now lately Knighted at *Cales Anno 1596*) to advance himself by his Valour, as he before had done.

Churnet a little beneath *Dieule Creyse*, receives a pritty Brook Westwards called *Dunsmore Brook*, coming from *Risseton James*, which *Ulviet* held before the Conquest, and 20 of his Reign the Conqueror held it.

This Brook leaving *Rudyard* standing on the side of *Dun* (a great Mountain) a Mile Northward, whereof is Owner one *Tettesworth* (as *Somerset* reported his Name to be) but now called *Rudyard*, who have continued Lords thereof for a long time.

Raufe was Owner thereof in *Henry* the 8^{ths} time, and he had issue *Thomas*, Father of *Thomas*, now of *Rudyard*.

Over against *Rudyard*, a quarter of a Mile from *Dun*, on the South side of the Bank, is *Herracles*, where one *John Wedgwood*, who advanced himself from a Free-

holders Son, to the Estate of a Gentleman; hath now seated himself; but his Son seeking further to advance himself, enters into a Course contentious, and I doubt will prove nothing commendable (if it be true that I hear.)

Dun being past *Herracles*, dischargeth it self into *Churnett*, a little above *Leeke* a Market Town. In the King's hands
Combs 20 Conq. and before *Algarus* Ca. held it.

After it was given by *Ranulfe* Earl of *Chester* to the House of *Dieu le Creyse*.

Churnett leaves the *Wall Grange* (which the Ancestors of Sir *Walter Leveson* hath bought) and then receives *Tendon* Water, which takes its Name of a Lordship called *Endon* or *Horton*.

In *Doomsday Book* I find *Horteburie*, I take it to be this *Horton*.

Enedone is said in the same Book to be holden by the King, and that *Duninge* held it before the Conquest.

Hortberie was then held by one *Rogorius, de Comite Rog. de Montegomerici*.

Not long after the Conquest, *Enedon* or *Horton* (call it whether you will) came to the Possession of the *Audeleys*, and in that Line continued, and was parted between the Sisters, the third part whereof my Lord of *Bath* hath and holdeth to this day, as being descended to him from
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his Ancestors, but the other two parts were lately sold by the Lord *Audeley Tuchet* (who did also inherit them from his Ancestors *Audeley*, and the third Coparcener *Hillarye*) to *Eggerton of Wall Grange*, and *Wedgwood of Herracles*.

Enedon or *Horton*, being a large and goodly Mannor, and because it lieth in such a barren Country, is thereupon called *Horton Court*, occupieth almost all the Ground. *Endon* Water passeth through until it comes to *Churnett*.

A little beneath the entry on the Southwest Bank thereof, stands *Chetelton*.

I find in *Doomsday Book*, that one *William* held *Celtetone de Comite Rog. de Montegom.* and that it belongs to *Wersley* in *Alstonfield* Parish, and reputed now as a Member of *Alston Field*.

In *Rufus's* time, one *Sirardus* was Lord of *Chetelton*, which *Sirard* had issue *Peter*, which *Peter* or his Son had issue *Sir William de Chetelton*, who had issue *Robert Sirrard* Lord of *Chetelton*, which *Robert* had issue *Henry Chetelton*, who had issue *William de Chetelton*, Knight, who had issue *Matthew*, who had issue *William* that died without issue, and *Annabilla* his Sister and Heir married to *William Bromley*, second Brother of *Walter Bromley*, and after the Death of *William Bromley*, she married

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Two Miles lower on the same side of *Churnett*, is *Cunsall*, given by *William de Chetelton* in King *John's* time, to *Philip Dracote*, in whose Posterity it continues, *John Dracot* being now Owner thereof.

From *Cunsall*, this River passeth to *Kingesley*, being on the same side of the River, and two Miles lower.

XX Conq. *Chingesleya* was the Lands of *Radulfus filius Huberti*. And a Mile lower is *Ipstones*.

Rob. de Stadford 20 of the Conq. held *Hulstone* of the King. About *Edward* the 1st's or 2d's time, one Sir *John de Ipstones*, Knt. whose Father had married the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Henry of Cresswelle*, Knt. was Lord thereof.

Sir *John Ipstones* had issue *William*, who lived 22 Ric. 2. and had issue *Alice*, married

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Churnett keeping on its Course Eastwards, enters into *Alton* Park, and runneth under the Walls of the Castle.

Elveton was 20 Conq. in the King's Hands. Before-time one *Lunar* held it.

About King *Stephen*'s time, or the beginning of *Henry* the 2d, it should seem that *Alvoton* descended to one *Roisa*, who was Heir thereof, but whose Daughter she should be, I cannot learn.

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She was married (as I take it) to *Bertram de Verdon*, or his Father, whom she overlived, and in her Widowhood held *Alveton* as her own Inheritance, and founded the Abbey of *Crokesden*.

And as I think, she had issue by her said Husband, either *Bertram*, and he had *Nicholas*, or else *Nicholas de Verdon*, whom also (I think) had issue *John Verdon*, who had issue *Simon*, whom (I also suppose) had issue *Theobaldus de Verdon*, who lived 29 Ed. 1. and 9 of Ed. 2. and had issue *William* that died without issue: *Joan* married to *Thomas Lord Furnival*, and (I think) *Margery* married to *James Berlers*, *Margery* to Sir *John Crophull*, Knt. and *Isabel* his 4th Daughter, marry'd to *Henry Lord Ferrers of Grooby*, who held *Alton* 23 Ed. 3.

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Broughton sets down a piece of *Verdon's* descent in this sort.

First that *John* before spoken of, had issue *Theobald*, whom he saith had issue another *Theobald*, which last *Theobald* should have the four Daughters.

I am not very perfect in *Verdon's* Line, and therefore will take upon me neither to approve nor correct what he hath set down.

Thomas Lord Furnival (who married *Joan* eldest Daughter and Heir of *Theobald*

bald Lord Verdon, and had *Alveton* in the partition of his Lands 39 Ed. 3.) had issue *Thomas Furnivall* Lord of *Hallamshire*, who had issue a Daughter and Heir married to *Thomas Nevill*, second Brother to *Raufe* first Earl of *Westmorland*, who had issue by him *Maud* her Daughter and Heir, married to *John Talbot* first Earl of *Shrewsbury*, who had issue *John*, who had issue a third *John*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Francis*, who had issue *George*, who had issue *Gilbert* now living, all Earls of *Shrewsbury*, and Lords of *Alveton*.

Churnet having taken leave of *Alveton*, Maketh haste to meet with *Doue*, which also holding its Course, receives Westwards another little Brook, which hath its first head about *Madele Alphore* (as some write it) but I think rather *Madely Ulfac*; for that one *Ulfac* 20 of the Conq. held it of *Rob. de Stadford*, whose Name was after used to make a distinction between this, and the other *Madeley* before spoken of.

In the beginning of *Henry* the 3d's time, *Raufe Basset* held it of *Robert* Baron of *Stafford*, and not long after, *Raufe*, another (I think) of the same Name.

9 Ed. 2. It was in the King's hands, by reason of the minority of *Rich. Basset*, and now (as I take it) the Lord *Windsor* is
Lord

Lord thereof, and had it by descent from *Blount Lord Mountjoy*.

A little lower upon the same Brook, is *Croxton*.

XX Conq. *Alwaldus* held *Crochesden* of the King. And after *Roisia de Verdon* builded there a goodly House of Religion, and endowed it with fair Lands.

I am doubtful whether this *Roisia* were Wife to the first *Verdon*, and Heir of *Crochesden*, *Alveton*, and the rest of the Lands in this Country, which the *Verdons* afterwards possessed; or else that she was Heir to some of the *Verdons*, and so never meaning to Marry, yet held the Lands during her Life, and founded this Abbey, and afterwards dying without issue, left the rest of the Lands to descend to some *Verdon*, her Uncle or other Kinsman.

After the suppression of Abbeyes, a younger Brother of the *Fuljambes* of *Walton* in *Derbyshire* obtained it, and left it to *Godfrey Fuliambe* his Bastard Son, who hath both sold it and all other the Lands his Father left him.

A little lower stands *Denston*, where one *Madeley* hath a pretty Seat of a Gentlemans House.

The King held *Denston* 20 Conq. and before *Lunar*.

This

This Brook at *Canbridge* enters *Doue*, which more then a Mile lower, receives also *Tene*, which hath its head something above *Dillorne*.

Wulbertus held *Dulverne* 20 of the Conq. of *Rob. de Stadford*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Raufe* of *Dulverne* was Lord of it.

And 9 Ed. 2. *Richard de Caverswall* was Lord.

Two Miles lower, *Tene* receives (from the North) *Chedle* Brook, which comes from *Chedle*.

Robertus held *Celle* of *Rob. de Stadford* 20 Conq.

22 *Henry* 2. *Osbertus Basswyne* gave *Chelle* or *Chedle* to *William Basset*, which *William* had issue *William* or *Simon* and *Raufe*, which *William* or *Simon*, had issue *Raufe Basset* Lord of *Chedle* and Baron of *Sabcote*, which *Raufe* gave to *Raufe* the Son of *Raufe Basset* his Uncle, the *Parkhall* in *Chedle*, of whose descent see more where I speak of *Blore*.

Raufe of *Sabcote* had issue *Simon*, who had issue *Raufe* 21 Ed. 1. who had issue *Simon*, 20 Ed. 2. who had issue *Raufe* 2 Rich. 2. who had issue *Alice*, married to Sir *Robert Mutton* of *Peckelton*, Knt. and *Eliz.* married to *Richard* Lord *Grey* of *Codnore*. *Moton of*
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Sir Robert Mutton and Alice, had issue Sir William Mutton, who had issue another Sir William, who had issue Robert, who had issue Elizabeth, married to Sir John Harington, Knt. who had issue Sir James Father of Sir John now living.

Richard Lord Grey and Elizabeth, had issue Henry Lord Grey and Elizabeth, married to John Zouch.

Henry Lord Grey had issue Henry Lord Grey, who died without issue.

John Zouch and Eliz. had issue John, who had issue Sir John Zouch, Knt. Co-sen and Heir to the last Henry Lord Grey of Codnor.

Sir John Zouch had issue George Zouch, who had issue Sir John Zouch of Codnor, Knt. Father of John now living.

Tayne Water passeth on to the two Taynes, Over and Nether. Rob. de Stadford held Tayne 20 Conq. of the King.

About Henry the 2d's time, Robert Beke was Lord of both Taynes: He had issue Gilbertus de Beke, who was Lord of both the Tayns. Also Gilbert had issue Robert, who had issue Sir Richard Beke, Knt. who had issue Sir Nicholas Beke, Knt. who had issue Helen his Daughter and Heir, married to Sir Robert Swinerton, Knt. who had issue Sir Robert Swinerton, Knt. who had issue Maud his Daughter and Heir,
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first married to *Peshall*, and after to *Sir John Savage*.

Peshall had issue by the said *Maud*, *Richard Peshall*.

And *Sir John Savage*, Knt. had issue by her another *Sir John Savage*, Knt. whom after long Contention betwixt them for *Beke's Lands*; at the length so compounded it, that *Peshall* had *Over-Tayne*, and *Savage Nether-Tayne*.

Richard Peshall had issue *Humfrey Peshall*, who had issue *Sir Hugh Peshall*, Knt. who had issue *Catherine* his only Daughter and Heir, married to *Sir John Blount*, *Blount* who had issue *Sir George Blount*, Knt. *Henry Blount*, *Elizabeth Blount*, Mother to *Henry Fitz-Roy Duke of Richmond*; and another Daughter called *Ann*, married to *Richard Lacon of Willey*.

Sir George had issue a Daughter married to *John Purslow*, who hath issue by her.

Henry Blount had issue also a Son called *George*, but *Sir George* gave both *Tayne*, *Hopton*, *Knightley*, and all his other *Shropshire Lands*, from both his Daughter, and her Children, and his Brother *Henry* and his Son, to his Sisters Son *Rowland Lacon of Willey*, who is now Lord of *Tayne*, (the Cause being unknown why he so did.)

Sir

Sir *John Savage* Son of Sir *John* and *Maud Swinerton*, had issue a third Sir *John*, who had issue a fourth Sir *John*, who had issue a fifth Sir *John*, who had issue a sixth Sir *John*, who had issue a seventh Sir *John*, Father of *John*, both living; but this last Sir *John* hath sold his *Tayne* to *Roger* the Son of *Richard Wilbraham* of *Namptwich*.

Tayne Water being past both the *Taynes*, passeth by *Checkeley*.

XX Conq. *Ocha* held *Cedla* of the King.

It after came (about King *John's* time) to be parcel of *Ferrers's* Barony, but the manner I know not. Now the Parson is the best Man in the Town, for he hath both a good Tythe and a fair House, and a great deal of Gleab Lands, and is Lord of the Town. And yet *Beke* and his Heirs were ever Patrons of the Church.

In the Church (being a goodly Country Church) is a fair Monument of the *Bekes*, which the Tenants of *Tayne* seek to deface and suppress, by reason they would conceal a parcel of the Task due for *Beke's* Lands, which I think was his Demeans.

There be also in *Glas* divers fair Monuments of the *St. Maures* and others. *Tayne* Brook leaving *Checkley* passeth between the two *Foales* antiently called *Falled*.

Over

Over Foale is a Member of *Legbe*, and the *Nether* of *Madeley*.

9 Ed. 2. *Henricus St. Maure* was Lord of *Folde*, which is parcel of *Madeley Holme*, and now the Lord *Windsor*, but by what Title I know not. *from Blount Lord moyog*

A little lower on the same Brook, is *Strangsheild*.

XX Conq. *Alricus* held *Stugrigheshall* of the King.

Roisia de Verdon was afterwards Lady both of *Crochesden*, *Stranshill*, and *Crakemars*, and held them all of *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*.

XX of the Conq. the King held *Crakemars*.

Crakemars is a goodly and profitable Lordship, lying in a very good Soil between *Tene Water* and *Done* at their meeting.

It was *Delues* his Lands, and descended to the Lord *Sheffield*: And this last Lord's Father sold it when he sold *Hildrestone*, of whose descent I have said what I know before.

Done having received *Teane Water*, passeth on till it comes past *Utcester*, where it receives a Brook that takes its beginning above *Bromshall*.

Rob. de Stadford held *Berevust* of the King 20 Conq.

Milicent de Stafford, and her Husband *Hervey Bagod*, gave it their younger Son *Sir William Stafford*, Knt. in whose name it continued until 12 Ed. 3. that *Thomas Erdeswike* married the only Daughter and Heir of *Sir James Stafford*, Knt. And from that time the *Erdeswikes* were Lords of it, until *Henry* the 7th's time, that *Sir Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, Son of *Sir John Willoughby*, Knt. and *Ann* his Wife; *Elizabeth* the Widow of *Sir John Colleshull*, Knight; and *Elleanor* the Widow of *Thomas Stranguish*, put the same in Sute, claiming as Heirs to *Alice*, Mother of the said *Elizabeth*, *Elleanor*, and *Ann*, and Wife of *Sir Edmund Cheynie*, Knight; which *Alice* was Aunt and Heir to *Humfrey Stafford* Lord *Stafford* of *Southwike*, and Earl of *Devonshire*, which *Humfrey* Earl of *Devonshire*, was the Son of *William*, Son of *Sir Humfrey Stafford*, Knight, with the Silver Hand, and Brother of *Alice Cheynie*.

Sir Humfrey with the Silver Hand, Father of *William* and *Alice*, was the Son of *Humfrey* Lord *Stafford* of *Southwick*, who was the Son of *Sir John Stafford*, Knt. and elder Brother of *Raufe Stafford* of *Grafton*.

Sir John Stafford was the second Son of *William Stafford* of *Bromshulfe*, and younger Brother of *Sir James Stafford* of *Sandon*.

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Now Sir *Fulke Grevill*, Knight, is Lord of *Bromshulfe*, as being Son and Heir of Sir *Fulke Grevill*, Knight, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Edward Willoughby*, Son of *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, Son of the afore-named *Robert Willoughby* Lord *Brook*, and Steward of the Household to King *Henry* the 7th, Son of Sir *John Willoughby* and *Alice Chaynie*, Daughter of Sir *Humfrey Stafford*.

In *Bromshull* about *Henry* the 3d, *Edward* the 1st, and *Edward* the 2d's time, was a House of the *Verneys*. This Brook being past *Bromshull* leaveth *Lockesley* half a Mile Southwards.

I have seen some ^{on boards, which} might move a Man to think that one of the *Ferrers* of *Tutbury* gave to his younger Son *Lockesley*: For in *Henry* the 3d's time, there was *Robert Ferrers de Lockesley*, whereupon a Man may conjecture that *Kinardsley* now of *Lockesley* his first Ancestor of that place, should marry the said *Ferrers* of *Lockesley*'s Daughter and Heir, whereunto I am perswaded by the similitude of the Armory, which now *Kinardsley* bears, and so hath done of a long time: For I have seen a Seal of it 18 *Ed.* 3. The Mark is Silver; a Fesse of *Ferrers* Esq; verry Gold and red, between three Eagles displayed Gules.

Kinardsley's arms made out of Ferrers

Whether *Ferrers* of *Lockesley* bear it so, or that *Kinardsley* added the Eagles, or in some sort imitated the Armory, I know not.

18 Ed. 3. (as I have said) *John Kinardsley* was Owner of *Lockesley*.

How long before the *Kinardsleys* had been Owners of it, I know not. But ever since, to this Day, his Posterity is.

Burtons fair
p. 220 A little nearer *Utfeter* is a House of the *Blounts*, called *Blounts Hall*, where-
of *Blount* of *Osbaston* in *Leicestershire* is Owner. A Man would think that it should by the Name, be the antient Seat of the *Blounts*, but that is not so. For this is a House of no great account, and but lately built by one that being a little glorious, would have it called by his Name.

This Brook passing by *Uttecester* enters into *Dove*.

XX Conq. the King held *Wotocheshed*: It came, not long after, to *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby* his Possession: The last where- of (amongst his other Lands) in a sort forfeited the same. So that now (as all the rest of *Ferrers's* Lands in *Staffordshire* do) it belongs to the Dutchy of *Lancaster*.

sons of them In *Utcester* is a House of the *Myneres*, very antient Gentlemen they are: For I find Testees to a Deed of *Henry* the 3d's time, or I think rather in King *John's* time,

time, *John de Evereus, Robert de Baskerville, Walter de Evereus, Richard Talboth, Roger de Mineres, William de Mineres, Reginald de Mineres, Radulfe de Baskerville.*

I have also seen a Deed of *Edward* the 1st's time, whereunto were Testees *John de Mineres, Henry de Hounhill, Thomas de Pipe, Robert de Beks, and Philip de Draicot.*

And I have also Read that *Sir John Mineres* was a Knight in the 6th of *Ed. 3.*

So that by this it may appear, that the *Mineres*, are both of a very antient House, and have been of good Estimation.

A Man would think (and I verily believe) seeing so many *de Evereus's*, so many *Baskerviles* and *Miners* together; and considering that the eldest House of the *De Evereus* bear Gules a Fesse Arg. and three Plates in Chief. The younger, Silver a Fesse Gules, and three Torteaux in Chief. That one *Baskerville* bears a Chevron Gules between three Torteaux. And another Arg. a Chevron Gules between three Heruts. Another Arg. a Chevron Blue between three Torteaux, and that *Miners* bears Gules a Fesse Arg. between three Plates, that the *Devereus, Baskerviles, and Miners* should be all of one House.

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Uttercester is a very good Market, standeth in a Rich Soil, and was lately reasonably well built, but (great pity it is) hath suffered of late, great loss by Fire.

About two Miles lower upon the South Bank of *Done*, is *Marchenton*.

At the Conquest *Henry de Ferrers* held it of the King.

It is within the Bounds of the Forest of *Needwood*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *William Chamberlen* or *Camden*, and *Robert Selman* held it of *Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, by the 10th part of a Knights Fee.

9 *Ed.* 2. The Earl of *Lancaster* was Lord of it.

A Mile from *Marchington*, and as much from *Done*, is *Houndhill*, an ancient Seat of a House of Gentlemen, carrying the same Surname.

It is now (as I take it) a divided Manor, between *Edward Leghe* of *Rushall*, and one of the *Vernons*, that dwelleth there.

Leghe came to it by descent, for about *Henry* the 3d's time, Sir *Henry* of *Handbury*, Knight, Lord of *Hondbury* *vulgariter Handbury*, (a Town standing two Miles lower, but something farther from *Done*) married the Daughter and Heir of *Houndhill*; and by her had issue Sir
Henry

Henry Handbury, Knight, that (I think) dyed without issue; *Agnes* married to *William Bowles* of *Rushall*, and another Daughter, which I take it, was married to *Vernon's* Ancestor, who dwelleth there.

From *Bowles* it descended to *Leghe* (as you may see before) where I speak of *Rushall*.

Betwixt *Houndhill* and *Handbury*, there is a Town called *Draycote*.

XX of the Conq. *Henry de Ferrers* held it of the King.

16 Ed. 3. There was one *Richard Draycote* Lord of this Town.

As I take it, these *Draycotes* were of another House than the *Draycotes* in the *Morelands*, and differed. For the other bear, as I have before set down, viz. Gold fretted Gules, a Canton blue, with a white Cross Patee therein.

And this I have seen a Seal of 16 Ed. 3. and it was a Fesse between three Billets, and about the Seal was written, *S. Ricardi de Draycote*.

You may see he was a *Needwood* Forest Man by his Billets. Now I think *Mr. Edward Stanley* possesseth it, as Heir to his Mother.

I have but a few Words to say more, before I step down to *Tutbury*, and the Castle, though it stand on a high Hill, which is,

*Draycotes
different
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Billets

That I take *Handbury*, that was Lord of *Handbury*, to be a *Dabernun*, for that he bears as he doth, blue a Chev. Gold, only he adds one of *Lancaster's* Lyons in a Cheif for a difference.

And two Miles lower from *Handbury*, and one Mile from *Doue*, is a Town called *Houndesley*, (*vulgariter Annesley*) whereof *Edward Maynwaring* of *Whitmore* is Owner.

Lower towards *Tutbury* stands another *Fauld*, *vulgariter Falle*.

XX Conq. *Roger de H.* held *dim. hid.* in *Fauled*, of *Henry de Ferrers*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, *Stephen Curson* held *quartam pertem Feodi* in *Falled*. I think this *Stephen* was of *Crokehall* in *Derbyshire*, and that either he, or some Ancestor of his, had married a Daughter and Heir of some younger Brother of the *Ferrers*; For *Curson* of *Crokehall* quarters *Verry Or and Gules*, a Cheif *Sable* with three *Horseshoes*.

Although I know *Mr. Henry Ferrers* of *Badesley*, to be better acquainted with the Antiquities of his own House, then my self can be, by any means possible, being (as he is) so great an Antiquary, and having had the view of such a number of good things, and (as all Men are) cannot but be most inquisitive of his own Parents.

Yet

Yet since *Tutbury*, (the chief Seat of the *Ferrers*) falleth out to be in *Staffordshire*, and that I should leave my Work very imperfect, if I should omit it; I will therefore under his Correction and yours, express that little I know thereof.

First then, I find, that *Henry Ferrers* coming in with the Conqueror, 20 of his Reign had these Lands following.

First, in *Burton* he held half an Hyde of Land, *in quam sedet* (saith the Record) *Castellum ejus*. So that by this Record it would seem, that *Tutbury* was then reputed to be a Member of *Burton*. For I cannot perceive any other likely place near *Burton*, where the Ruins of any such Castle appears; and besides, *Tutbury* being within three Miles of *Burton*, is not once named in the Record.

So that surely by this half Hyde which is said to be in *Burton*, the Town, Priory, and Castle of *Tutbury* are meant.

He is said also in the said Record, to hold *Rolveston*, *Merchampton*, *Edgaresleg*, *Draicot*, *Feled*, *Morton*, and *Cebbesie*.

He held also *de Comite Rog. de Montgomerici*, *Tycheshall*.

In *Henry* the 3d's time, he had also to his Barony added, *Utcester*, *Crachemers*, *Clifton*, *Horulveston*, *Strangshull*, *Checkley*, *Crochesden*, *Wistaneton*, and *New-Castle*.

But

But whether they were given him to increase his Barony, by the Conqueror, or some of the succeeding Kings, or that they descended to him by the Marriage of the Earl of Chester's Sister and Heir, as *Char-teley*, and the tenure of *Sandon* did, I know not.

This Henry founded the Priory of Tutbury. *Pro Anima Willielmi Regis, & Matilde Regine, & pro salute Anime Patris sui & Matris, & Uxoris Berte, & Filiorum suorum Engenulfi, Willielmi, Roberti, & Filiarum suarum.*

Where was a Monument made for him, having this Inscription upon it,

Hic jacet Henricus de Ferrariis comes, hujus, Eccl'ie fundator Imago nomine cujus; Anno Millesimo Domini quater atq; viceno, Tutburiaq; novo domus est fundata Patrono. Anno 1089, 2 Will. Ruf.

I find also a Confirmation made per Rob. de Ferrariis, *Filium & Heredem nobilis viri Willielmi de Ferrariis quondam Co. Derb. Deo & b'te Mariæ & Eccl'ie de Tutburie, & Monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, de omnibus quacunq; Hen. de Ferrariis fundator ejusdem Eccl'ie: Seu Engenulf. de Ferrar, vel Rob. de Ferrar, vel al Rob. de Ferrers, vel Willielmus de Ferrers,*

*in the
Register of
Tutbury in
the College
of arms
Library*

Ferrers, *vel alius Will. de Ferrar, Avus suus, vel Will. de Ferrers Pater suus, si- ve aliquis Antecessorum suorum dederunt.*

So that by this Confirmation, and the foundation before, it appears, that *Henry de Ferrers* had issue *Engenulf, William* and *Robert*. And it would seem that both *Engenulf* and *William* dyed without issue, and that *Rob. de Ferrers* had issue *Robert*, who had issue *William*, who had issue a- nother *William*, who had issue a third *Wil- liam*, who had issue *Robert* which made *who* the Confirmation.

This *Robert*, was the Man that over- threw the greatness of his House, by joyn- ing with *Simon Mountfort*, and the rest of the Barons, against King *Henry* the 3d. For which Offence he was fined 50000 Pounds; which Fine the King gave to his Son *Edmund*, for Payment whereof, there entred into Bonds, as Manucaptors for the said Sum, first, *Henry* Son to *Richard* King of the Romans, *Cosen-Germayn* to the same *Edmund*, *William de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, Uncle to the said *Edmund*, *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*, *William Beuchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, *Roger de So- mery*, *Thomas de Clare*, *Robert Walrande*, *Roger Clifford*, *Hamon Strange*, *Bartho- lomew de Sudeleghe*, and *Robert Brews*, all Knights, and (as I also take it) Barons;

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to be payed *Quindena Joh. Bapt.* next following.

Which Robert, for the saving of the said Noble Men harmless, granted by his Deed to them all his Lands, (except the Mannor of Charteley in Staffordshire, and Holbroc in Derbyshire) until the said Sum of 50000 Pound, to the said Edmund, were paid. And if the said Sum were not paid at the day, that then it should be lawful for them to grant the said Lands to the said Edmund, until the said Sum were paid.

*this original
in my custody*

I have also seen the Copy of a Supplication to this Effect:

Significat Sanctitati vestre Johan. de Ferrariis, Filius & Heres Rob. de Ferrers, olim Co. Derb. G. sevientis guerra & dictus Rob. tradidit terram animi valoris trium Millium Libr. Sterling; Edmundo Filio Regis Henrici sibi et Heredibus, donec idem Rob. vel Heredes sui, solverent prefato Edmundo, sive Heredibus suis, simul ac semel uno die, 50 Milia Librarum sterlingorum.

Sunt nonnulli Anglie prelati qui ejusdem Johan. moleste ferunt incommoda eidem aliquid de bonis suis contribuere curarent quo citius dictam Pecuniam satisfacere possit,

possit, si auderent propter penam nuper a vobis editam in contrarium.

Supplicat idem Johan. Sanctitati vestre ut Prelati in hac parte affectionem in ips. Johan. valeant ad implere, dignimini auctoritate apostolica indulgere.

Moreover I find that *Quant E. Filius le Roy prist la conge d' aler en la Terre seint, et soy conseila du Roy H. son pere, il eust pitie del dit Countie Rob. de Ferrers, & vient a Wallingford & delivera le Counte hors de la haulte tour, & lui bailla son noir Pallefrey.*

I find also after his Offence committed, and before things came to this Extremity viz, 50 Hen. 3. That Rob. de Ferrers Co. Derb. *liberavit in gardiobam Regis unum Pottum auri cum lapidibus preciosis, pro gratia Regis habenda.* But it would not be.

Tutbury Castle is a goodly antient House, Walled on all Sides but one, where the Hill is so steep (for it stands on a high Hill, and steep on all sides except one) that it needs not in respect of Fortification any Wall there, and yet it is inclosed with a strong Pale there also. The House and Gate-House (being a fair one) Walls and all were builded (I think) by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. Although I know there was an antient House and
Castle

Castle there before, but I think it was decayed by reason of the Rebellion which *Thomas Earl of Lancaster* made; who (before his Overthrow) fortified it against the King. It stands (as I have said) on a high steep Hill.

And somewhat lower (yet a good height upon the same Hill) the Priory stood (being now the House of *Henry Candish*) and the Town below in the Valley under them, both upon *Doue Bank*.

The Hill is as it were thrown out of the Forest (a great Woodland, and an high Ground) into the Meadows and brave Pasture Grounds, both upon *Doue* and *Trent*.

It hath a large and brave Prospect both to it, in it, and from it.

Northwest and North, it looks up the goodly Meadows and Pastures to *Utcester*, *Rowcester*, *Ashburne*, and *Derby*.

Eastward it looks down the Rivers *Doue* and *Trent*, even to *Nottingham*, South-East towards *Burton*, *Drakelow*, *Greyseley Castle*, and *Ashby de la Zouch*.

Upon the Southwest and South, it is shadowed as it were with the Woodland, where is a goodly Forest, and a great number of Parks, (I think) a dozen at the least, whereof, a great many belong to the said Castle and Honour.

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A great part of the Country about it, are Homagers, and hold thereof.

The *Ferrers* (as you may perceive before) were Owners of it from the Conquest, until that this *Robert* (before spoken of) forfeited it (as I have rehearsed.)

The descent of his Posterity is set down where I speak of *Chartley*.

By descent in Blood, *Robert* now Earl of *Essex*, is Heir to *Robert Ferrers* who forfeited it. And if it be lawful for me to say so much, the Gentleman being so brave a Souldier, and daily serving his Prince and Country in so many Noble Enterprizes as he undertakes, it were a Gracious and Magnificent Work in her Majesty, to restore this Castle and the Appendances unto him, having been antiently the Inheritance of his Ancestors. And altho' it may be objected, that being now a Member of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*, it were a great Inconvenience to disfurnish the said Dutchy of it. Yet let it be consider'd again, that it came to the Crown from this Nobleman's Ancestors, and the means by which it came; and the greatness which the Dutchy is of otherwise, this small Portion will be no great blemish unto it.

Underneath *Tutbury*, at the meeting of *Trent* and *Done*, but nearer *Done*, between them both, is *Roleston*.

Henry

Henry Ferrers 20 of the Conq. held it of the King.

Moton

It is, and hath been long the Seat of a Gentleman, that takes his Name of the Place, whom I imagine originally to be a Mutton, and that being a younger Brother, changed his Name, when he became Lord of that Town, which his Armory induceth me to think, being Arg. a Cinquefoil blue, and differs only from the Coat of *Mutton*, by having a red Cheif charged with a Lyon passant, gardant Gold, which Cheif was added, that he might thereby differ from the elder House, given (as it should seem) by one of the *Lancastrians* since they came to have the *Ferrer's* Revenues. And yet I have seen very old Monuments of the Coat and Cheif, especially one in Glafs in *Adbaston* Church, so old, that a Man would think it to be of *Henry* the 3d's time, and therefore I think set up by the first Owners of *Rolleston* being of this House.

And now having run over this Shire in short and brief sort, but as much as my little Knowledge yet extends unto (though I be in hope to inlarge it something ere it be long) I would gladly confer with you upon one Point more, which is,

Since the Shire consists upon five Hundreds, and every Hundred upon certain

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Constablewicks, viz. *Pirehall*, wherein are *Offeley*, *Cuthelartone*, *Seysdone*, and *Tatmanslowe*.

I would first fain know your Opinion, whether you think there were at the beginning (when the Shires were first divided,) any Hereditary Earls of the said Counties, in manner as the Names do import. And as there is a certain shadow by the naming of divers to be Earls, some of one Country, and some of another, tho' many times the said Earls have little or no Lands in the Shires, whereof they have there Title of Dignity. Or that the same Shires were disposed to some Men at the Princes Pleasure to remain Officers for a time, as for Life, or certain Years, or but for one Year, as now the Sheriffs do

Early

Since the Conquest, a Man may perceive by the Records, that there hath been Sheriffs of every Shire, Coroners and other Officers who have by the Princes been removeable at their pleasures, and that there hath been Justices in Itinere, and of the Benches, or also from time to time at the Princes appointment.

But whether it were so established *Egbert*, *Alfred*, or *Edward*, when they had brought it to a Monarchy, and Shired it out into parts, or that they appointed Earls in every County, which had an In-

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heritance therein, and had Jurisdiction, as by the County Court and Sheriffs Turns, it would seem it was: Is the Question I desire to be resolved of.

The Hundreds likewise, whether they were Baronies, and that certain had them, whereby they held their Hundred Courts, being both Leetes and Court Barons, or not, is the like Question.

And surely, methinks the said Hundreds should not at the first be jumbled together, with the Sheriffs Jurisdiction, nor that so mean Men as ever since the Conque have been Sheriffs or Bailiffs of Hundreds, should have such eminent Jurisdiction, as those Officers would at the beginning seem to have. And for my part therefore, I rather conjecture, that upon uniting of the Kingdom into a Monarchy, the Kings placed their greatest Noble Men (as being either their Sons, Kinsmen, or otherwise allyed, or Wise and Faithful unto them) in the Government of the Country, and gave them Jurisdiction, and made them Hereditary. And also, either at the desire of the said Earls, appointed their Kinsmen or Friends, or others, at their Pleasure, under them, to hold the Hundreds over as they did.

How can it come else to pass, that by the antient Laws of this Land, an Earls

Fee

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Fee should be set down so certainly what it is, and likewise a Barons Fee. And why should they be compelled to pay them, if they should not have Earldoms and Baronies, but were only called by Writ to the Parliament House, as of late time they have been; and as I have known many, both Antiquaries and Lawyers hold Opinion, that it should be the most antient Means whereby Noblemen were Erected, which surely cannot be so. For how should it then come to pass, that such a Man, and such, should have such Mannors, and such, by an Earl or a Barons Fee.

*Early for
Barons Fee*

But thus I do conjecture it to be, That at the first Uniting of the Heptarchy of the *Saxons*, and the Shiring out of the Kingdom, it was divided into Shires, and the Shires again into Hundreds, as it fell out, in some more, in some less: Which Shires (as I have said) the King gave to such as he pleased, and to their Heirs, to hold of him by an Earls Fee.

And that likewise the said Earls granted the Hundreds to other Persons, and their Heirs, to hold by Barons Fees. And they again, over Mannors and Townships, likewise to be holden by Knights Fees. And that after (partly through the Invasion of the *Danes*, and Treachery or Rebellion of the Nobility,) the Govern-

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ment being troubled, and all things out of order, the Kings were forced to restore the Liberties of many. And the Conqueror finding things out of order, and the Government uncertain, framed his Estate as he thought best, for the keeping both of his Nobility and inferiour Subjects in obedience, and so framed Justices in the Courts, and in *Itinere*, and Bailiffs or Sheriffs of the Shires, who should only have Authority by Commission from him, revocable (without breach of any Law) at his pleasure; and yet cunningly framed a certain form of the antient Government but so mingled his Nobility, that the greatest had not in any one Country (except the County Palatines) any absolute Authority, but had divers his Equals in the same County so placed with him, that without general Revolt, both of the Nobility and inferiour Subjects any Rebellion could be hardly practised, when as no one had any absolute Government, but such as were removeable upon any displeasure, or but suspicion of Infidelity. And those of great living were without Jurisdiction, except it pleased the Prince for a time, to grant them any, and as I have said, were so placed; as both such as had Government by Commission, and others; and that a good convenient Number in every place, where they had Lands, and their own Lands were also dispersed into several Counties, and not the same

same in every County joyned, but others placed with them, that as I have said, whom a great disliking and general revolt, *without* both of the great Estates, Officers that were temporarie, and the Plebeians altogether, no danger of Rebellion could possibly be practised in any sort, but that it might be discovered, and prevented, except the Prince were so simple and negligent as yielded him impotent for Government. And yet in a sort the Conqueror in his division, tho' not in Jurisdiction, imitated the ancient Estate of the Land, as you may perceive by the allotments in *Staffordshire*, where, reserving to himself a greater Portion than any one of his Subjects had; for though he had not so many Lordships or Mannors in number, as some of them had, yet they were Greater, Larger, and best inhabited by likelihood, for they lay, the most of them, in the midst and fruitfulest Places in the County. The greatest part of the rest, he divided into five parts, as tho' they had been Hundredors, but they were not, betwixt the Bishop, *Co. Rog. de Montegom. Hen. de Ferrariis, Rob. de Stadford*, and *Willielmus filius Ausculfi*. What was either in any Clergymans Hands or Lay, were nothing so many, and divided into small Allotments, as may be seen in the Book call'd *Doomsday*, kept among

the Records of her Majesties Exchequer; a Brief whereof I have annexed herunto; that you may see the Policy of the Conqueror, who would seem in shew to follow the antient Laws and Government, but in substance quite altered it, which after bred great Contentions, and sometimes open Wars between his Successors and their Subjects, as all Histories do plainly shew.

Rex Tēnet.	Patingham	Molewic.
	Clifton	Cote
Swineford	Drayton	Henton
Totehale	Opewas	Hidulvestone
Wadnesberie	Horulveston	Cotewoldstone
Pencriz	Bromelei	Helcote
Trenham	Bidolf	Wodeton
Alrewas	Buchenole	Masedo
Scandon	Aseley	Staneshope
Gertley	Stantone	Elvetone
Wistaneton	Heolla	Denestone
Crachemers	Sceon	Suneshala
Wotocheshe	Fernelege	Fotesbroc
Berton	Niweton	Enedune
Lec	Lufameslege	Estone
Rugeley	Risetone	
Medefelde	Scelfitone	Terra Epi
Mera	Hetone	Cestrie
Chenet	Messe	
Eleforde	Fuleforde	Brewode
Chenevare	Rugehala	Bercheswic
		Wale-

Walestone	Wodestone	Rideware
Broctone	Chintestone	Fraiforde
Bedenhale	Nas vel Mas	Tinnemore
Haywode	Cesteforde	Edna
Actone	Estone	Abatia Sancti
Hufcedone	Dochesig	Petri de West-
Ulseley	Brigeford	ministri.
Frodswell	Cote	
Eccleshell	Scotesley	Pertone
Fletesbroc	Mortone	Edna
Cernerneft	Drengeton	Abatia Sancte
Cetgnill	Smederwic	Mariae de
Dorueslaw	Tibintone	Burton.
Cerueleda	Lecefelle	
Cerleton	Padintone	In Stafford
Cota	Hamertwiche	Hid. & dim.
Messe	Hamertwicke	Brantestone
Badehall	Lichebroc	Witmore
Slendone	Norton	Stratone
Brocton	Wirleia	Brunlege
Haspeleia	Rouveleia	Derlaveston
Crocheston	Nortone	Witeston
Offeleia	Pagington	Naunen
Solehell	Tamaborn	Bedinton
Bramele	Handfacre	Edna
Podemore	Horeborne	Eccl'ia Sancti
Tunneftall	Hintes	Remigii.
Snesuesbede	Lockeshale	
Elinehale	Wefforde	Madesforde
Walestone	Burovestone	Naunen
Edbaddeston	Litlebenche	Rideware

Terra Pancriz Redevare
 Canonicus de Genehale Blidevelt
 Stadford. Bechewood

Comes Roge Senet
 In Stadford. 3 rius tenet.

Hid. Terra Hugo-
 nis de Mon-
 Claverlege tegom.
 Canonicus de Nordelege
 Handun. Alvidelege

Corbinton Norfelde ibi
 Unum Hid. de Halas 3 Hid.

Sanfon. Chenistele 219
 Ernelege Moreton Terra Henrici
 Biscopesberie Otone de Ferreres.

Cote Metone
 Totenhale Hortberie In Burton dim.
 Bilresbrotbe Erlehyde Hid.

Hawic Merfeton Rolvestone
 Wodenecfeld Gayton Merchanton

Wivenhale Cote Draicote
 Pelishale Colton Felede

Litone Rideware Mortone
 Locheslei Cebbesic

Sanfon tenet Crassevale
 de Rege. Dodinton Terra Rob. de
 Enestanefelde Stadford.

Hargedone Weresley
 Chenwarde- Celletone Tillintone

stone. Ticheshale Tene
 Haton Weiforde Grendon

Ferdeston Esselay Caldane

Bagen-

Bagenhale	Risseton	Stretone
Hulstone	Eston	Etone
Braddelay	Bernulveston	Grageley
Berenn	Bubinton	Saredone
Berderton	Ranton	Sareshell
Abetone	Eiton	Odreston
Belinton	Cucheslande	Coven
Burton	Heldulveston	Coppenhall
Setchemore	Acle	Ricardescote
Longnalle	Burwardesle	Monnetvile
Mutton	Coltone	
Allughstun	Mulewiche	Terra Willi-
Ullaveston	Ingestree	elmi Filii Au-
Waletun	Titenswore	sculfi.
Estone	Weston	Seggesley
Stoke	Cavereswell	Morve
In parva San-	Madeley	Penne
don 1 virgat	Brameley	Esnefelde
Boteton	Flatheston	Penne
Selte	Blora	Oxeley
Levinton	Dulvene	Etinghale
Offeley & 2	Pecleshelle	Alrewic
hid.	Celle	Barre
Standon	Wicenore	Rischale
Rigge	Sirescote	Bisopesberie
Ledebale	Wrottesley	Overtone
Mere	Rideware	Sceisdone
Madeley	Wilbrechston	Wragesley
Norton	Bruinton	Waneburne
Sulaton	Blimehull	Cippemore
Helton	Ruscote	Molesley
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<i>Esnington</i>	<i>Witemore</i>	<i>Morton</i>
<i>Biscopesteri</i>	<i>Normanescote</i>	
<i>Himley</i>	<i>Heneforde</i>	<i>Terra Taino-</i>
<i>Elmelecote</i>	<i>Hancefe</i>	<i>rum Regis</i>
<i>Tresley</i>	<i>Claitone</i>	
<i>Cocortone</i>	<i>Dulmestene</i>	<i>Codcsbale</i>
<i>Penkeforde</i>	<i>Clatone</i>	<i>Seresdone</i>
<i>Piria</i>	<i>Estendone</i>	<i>Bigeforde</i>
<i>Barra</i>		<i>Chenete</i>
<i>Honeswarde</i>	<i>Terra Rainol-</i>	<i>Bispestane</i>
	<i>di Balgole</i>	<i>Cheniltone</i>
<i>Terra Willet-</i>		<i>Moclestone</i>
<i>mi Corbuti-</i>	<i>Westone</i>	<i>Wenington</i>
<i>on.</i>	<i>Bertone</i>	<i>Betelege</i>
	<i>Brotone</i>	<i>Baltredelege</i>
<i>Sibeforde</i>	<i>Niwetone</i>	<i>Bathedelege</i>
<i>sunt 10 Hid.</i>		<i>Aldidelege</i>
<i>Terra Tursti-</i>	<i>Terra Radulfi</i>	<i>Talc</i>
<i>ni.</i>	<i>Fili Huberti</i>	<i>Westone</i>
		<i>Ame</i>
	<i>Brenteley</i>	
<i>Draiton</i>	<i>Chingefley</i>	<i>Grineshole</i>
<i>sunt 5 Hid.</i>		
<i>Terra RicciFo-</i>	<i>Terra Nigelli</i>	<i>Cedla</i>
<i>restarii.</i>	<i>Torpe</i>	<i>Crotestane</i>
	<i>Clistone</i>	<i>Fentone</i>
<i>Turvaldesfelde</i>	<i>Chingeston</i>	<i>Heidene</i>

So may you perceiue that in the Conqueror's time, there were 334 Towns, Villages

lages or Hamlets, whereof the King retains 55 of the best.

Of the rest he distributed to the Clergy-men 99, and to the Laiety 180.

The Clergy Men's were divided, so as the Bishop had 67, which was his Barony, and might well serve. For the Abbot of Westminster had but One, the Abbot of Burton Nine, the Church of St. Remigius Three. The Church of Stafford had three Hydes, which I take at least to be three Townships, (though they be not named) if they were not more; but yet because they were not expressed in the Record, I account it but for one. The Church of Hampton Twelve.

One Sampson (what he was I cannot learn) but I take it, he was of some Spiritual Profession, had Six.

Of Laymen Roger de Montegomerici Earl of Salop, 29.

Hugo de Montegomerici, three Hides, which sure is three Towns about Wrilde, which I set down but one: For the Record naming Wrilde, which is now in Shropshire, and so used. So that I think the meaning is some Hamlets adjoining to Wurfelde, and then reputed as Members of it; but lying in Staffordshire: For Stafford and Shropshire join near Wurfelde holme, and the Name Holme, argues it to be a

large

Holme

Ifind no such large Segnory, compounded of many
signification Hamlets.

in this Glossary Henry de Ferrers 8, but a Forest also
 within the Compass of them, and belong-
 ing to them, and they both large and
 very good Lands.

Robert Stafford 74

Willielmus Filius Ausculfi 27

Will. Corbution 1 containing one Hide.

Turstine Basset Paternal Ancestor, one
 containing 5 Hides, which cannot be but
 divers Hamlets.

Ricardus Forestarius 9

Rainoldus de Balgiole 4

Radulfus filius Huberti 2

Nigellus Gresleys Paternal Ancestor 4

And Taini Regis 20

So that I reckon the Form to be, That the
 King had in Demean the 55, representing
 the Earl's Portion and Demean.

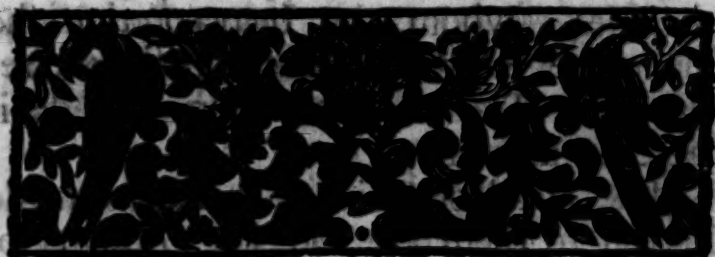
And that the Bishop had one Barony,
 Rogerus de Montegomeriei another, Henry
 Ferrers a third.

Robert Stadford a fourth Barony.

Willielmus filius Ausculfi the fifth.

To the intent that the 5 Baronies might
 answer the 5 Hundreds, though they were
 otherwise divided, and had not such Jurisdi-
 ction as the Earls and Barons of Hundreds
 antiently.

Some



Some Account of **WOLVER-**
HAMPTON.

By Sir **WILLIAM DUGDALE.**



TH E Parish of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*, is in Circuit near 36 Miles, containing 17 great Villages, wherein are but three small Chappels of Ease, not capable of a tenth part of the Inhabitants; which have been ordinarily computed to be near Thirty Thousand Souls; whereof, by proportion, seven or eight Thousand are thought of Age to communicate.

In this great Parish, King *Edgar*, about the Year 970 (*Anno Regni xi*) at the Request of his dying Sister *Wulphrune* (as 'tis

'tis said) from whom 'tis called *Wulphrune-Hampton*, founded a Chapel of eight Portionaries; whom, by Incorporation she made the Rector of that Parish, to receive the Tythes in common, but divisible by an yearly Lot.

The Head or Chief of these, she made Patron to them all, and sole Ordinary of that whole Parish, *cum omnimodâ Jurisdictione*: And thereby made that Church, *cum Membris*, exempt, not only from *Conventry* and *Litchfield* by express Composition, but also by the Papal Bull, from all his Legates, and Delegates for ever. In which Condition it hath since continued, to these Times, subject to no terrene Power, but the Supream Majesty of *England*; and, under it to the perpetual Visitation of the Keepers of the Great Seal *pro tempore*.

Within this Jurisdiction are Nine several Leetes, whereof Eight belong to the Church. The *Custos* lately called *Dean*, is Lord Borough of *Wolverhampton*, *Codfalk*, *Hatberton*, *Petsball*, in *Com. Staff.* and of *Ludley* in *Com. Wigorn.* hath all manner of Privileges belonging to the View of *Frank-Pledge*, *Felons Goods*, *Deodands*, *Escheats*, *Marriage of Wards*, and *Clerks of the Weekly Market*, rated at 150*l.* per *Ann.* and in the Total is valued worth near 300*l.* per *Ann.*

Each

by Sir WILLIAM DUGDALE. 223

Each of the other Potionaries have a several Leet, whereof

Kynaston is reputed worth *Per Ann.* 100 l.

Wobaston 100 l.

Wiltall 100 l.

Hetherston 80 l.

Hilton 70 l.

Monmore 70 l.

Hatherton 40 l.

And the Sacrist to attend these in *Capitulo* 40 l.

In this state the Church stood near 600 Years, confirmed by the several Charters of the Conqueror, in these few Words:

— *Dedi Sampsoni Capellano meo, omnem Terram pertinentem ad Ecclesiam de Wolver-Hampton, cum omnibus libertatibus, franchis, et immunitatibus, &c.* Henry the 1st, the 2d, the 3d, Edward the 2d and 3d, and of Richard the 2d.

All which the Charter of King Edward the 4th alledges by a several *Inspeximus*; and lastly ratifies for himself, his Heirs and Successors for ever.

The said King Edward the 4th Anno Regni 19. Febr. 21. united the Custody or Deanery of this Church, to the Custos or Dean of Windsor, and his Successors for ever; the two Colleges still remaining distinct as before, having two several Books of

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of Statutes; and two several Seals, and Revenues proper to their several Bodies.

We find divers famous Men upon Record, who had the Custody of this Church; as the fore-named Sampson, Petrus Blesensis; Egidius de Erdington (*Capellanus domesticus Henry 3.*) Tedisius de Cirvillâ 2 Ed. 1. Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Sarum, Chancellor of the Garter, and Counsellor to King Edward the 4th.

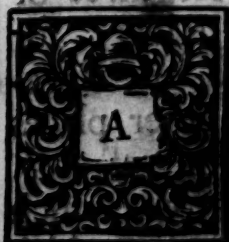


A Brief



A Brief Historical Account
of **BEESTON-CASTLE**
in **Cheshire.**

By **Mr. ERDESWICK.**



AS in *Staffordshire* I have begun with *Trent*, so proceeding to the Description of *Cheshire*, I think it my readiest Course to begin with *Weever*, a fair River, which takes its first Source or Spring at *Peckforton Hills*, near *Beeston-Castle*, and presently runneth, first South-East, then plain South, then bendeth South-East again, then plain East; then turneth suddenly plain North, and so keepeth on its Course, though it have divers Windings, sometimes Westwards, and sometimes East, for fifteen or sixteen Miles still Northwards, and then returneth, as it were, suddenly
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West; which Course it holdeth on until it come into the Freet of *Mersey*, where it dischargeth it self into a pritty little Sea. And as *Trent* doth, divides the Shire into near two equal parts East and West; the one being call'd the Overseide of *Cheshire*, and the other the Lower-side.

Not far from the Fountain of *Weever* (as I have said) stands *Beeston-Castle*, which, for that it was more Eminent and Famous, than any particular part of the Shire (the City of *Chester* excepted) I covet to begin withal; and you must something bear with me, if a little I range about the Head of *Weever*, for three or four Miles on both sides the River; for that, in that part of (the Shire, the River ~~may~~ be not so plentiful as in other places thereof: And besides, the Barony of *Rob. filius Hugonis* being the first Barony which is spoken of in Doomsday Book, which therefore I covet to begin withal, lieth the most of it about this part of *Cheshire*, and not far from *Weever*, between it and *Dee*, except some little of it which lies in *Flintshire*, then reputed as a Member of the County Palatine of *Chester*.

Beeston-Castle stands very loftily and proudly, upon an exceeding steep and high Rock, so steep upon all sides but one, that it suffers no access unto it; so that tho' it

Beeston-Castle in Cheshire.

It be Walled about, yet (for the most part thereof) the Wall is needless, the Rock is so very high and steep. And where the Nature of the thing admitteth access. There is first a fair Gate, and a Wall furnish'd with Turrets, which incloseth a good quantity of Ground (four or five Acres) which lieth North-Eastwards, somewhat riseth, until it come to the over-part of the Rock, where is a great Dike or Ditch, hewed out of the main Rock, and within the same, a goodly strong Gatehouse, and a strong Wall, with other Buildings; which when they flourished, were a convenient Habitation for any great Personage. In which, it is a wonder to see the great Labour that hath been used to have sufficient Water; which was procured by making (no doubt with great difficulty) a marvillous deep Well, through that huge high Rock; which is so deep, as that it equals in depth the Riveret which runneth not far from the said Castle, through *Teverton, Hocknell*, and so into *Mersey*.

This Castle stands within the Mannor of *Beeston*, but the Ground whereon it stands, was procured by *Randulf* the third Earl of *Chester*, from the Owner of the said Mannor, to the end he might Make

An Account of Beeston-Castle.

Fortify the said Castle there, which he did accordingly.

The Mannor of *Beeston*, whereof this place was a Member before the Castle was Buildd, is within the Parish of *Bunbury*; possessed at this day by Sir *George Beeston*, whose Son and Heir *Hugh Beeston*, hath (as I hear) also purchased the Castle of *Beeston* of the Queen.

The *Beestons* are descended Paternally from the *Bunberyes*, who (as I take it) were Lords of the whole Parish, or the most of it, about *Henry* the 2^d's time; and were at the first known by the Name of *St. Peere*: But (by reason of their Habitation, and the Seignory of *Bunbury*, together) changed their Name from *St. Peere* to *Bunbury*. As *Henry* of *Bunbury* (to whom his Father had given *Beeston* about King *Henry* the 3^d's time) had issue a Son named *David*, who was called *David de Beeston*, by reason of his Habitation, which *David* had issue *Henry Beeston*, who had issue *David Beeston*, *William* (that dyed without issue) *Henry* that begat *Thomas*, and *William* that had issue *John*, *Raufe*, and *Agnes*.

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hands, was procured by *Raufe*, the third
son of *Beeston*, from the Owner of the
said Mannor, so that *Beeston* his
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OBSERVATIONS
UPON THE

POSSESSORS
OF
MONASTERY-LANDS
IN
STAFFORDSHIRE.

By Sir SIMON DEGGE, Knight.

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SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE'S
ATTESTATION.

Wales THE Original of this brief View of
Staffordshire, written by the proper
Hand of the Worthy Author (whence I
William Dugdale transcrib'd the preceding
Copy) being lent to Sir Simon Degge, Knt,
a learned Lawyer, and one of the Justices
of Assize for North Wales after the Resto-
ration of King Charles the Second) by
George Digbey of Sandon, Esq; upon his
return thereof to Mr. Digby, he sent this
following Letter, viz.

Honoured

Honoured Sir,

I Do herewith Return your Book (which I hope will come safely to your Hands) and I give you Hearty Thanks for the Perusal of it. Truly I have kept it much longer than I intended; which I was the bolder to do, because you limited me no time of the Return: And what between the Troubles, and Preparation for the Term, I had much to get time to peruse it so thoroughly as I desir'd. In Truth it is a worthy Work, and 'tis pity some able hand did not continue it, and make it Publick. Had it been so done before Mr. Dugdale did Publish his *Warwickshire*, it would have taken the first place of any in this Kind: But in Truth, for that County he hath done so exceeding well, and so far outgone all others, that he'll discourage all that come after him.

I find some Ancient Families omitted by Mr. *Erdeswick*; whether willingly, or negligently, I know not; as *Chetwode, Port, Witghwicke, Thietnesse, Staresmore, Ralegh of Uttoxiter, Ashenburst, &c.* But 'tis a wonder to see, that in sixty Years (it being no more since Mr. *Erdeswike* wrote this Tract) one half I believe of the Lands in *Staffordshire* have changed their Owners: Not so much, as of old they were wont, by Marriage, as by Purchase,

chafe. And if it were not, that I should tire out your patience, I could give you my Conjecture of the Reason: but I know the freedom of your Disposition so well, that I hope you will pardon this boldness.

The 1st Reason, I conceive to be; for that our ancient Gentry were so guilty of *Henry the 8th's* sacrilegious robbing the Church, that they mingled Church-Lands with their ancient Inheritances, and 'tis no wonder to see the Eagle's Nest on fire that steals Flesh from the Altar for her Young ones; this very Subject would take up a large Volume, and besides your own ingenious Observation of *Sherburn*, with your Patience, I will give you a little tast of the success these Lands have had in *Staffordshire*, for *Hilton Abbey* *Hilton, &c.* that was given in exchange to *Sir Edward Aston*, was with much more sold by his Son, and where this issue will stay God knows. You know how near to an end it hath brought that Family; and as I told *Mr. Hugh Snead*, I fear'd it was a Worm in his Estate, for it was travelling apace. *De la Cresse* was given to the *Bagnals*, which like a Mushroom rose on a sudden, and vanished as soon in the first Gradation. *Anthony Rudyard* has the *Scyte*, and as I take it, he is issueless; *Jolley* has *Leeke*, and some other things, how long it will stay there God knows, *Calwich*

is next in order, bought by Sir Richard Caluogher Fleetwood's Grandfather, how unhappily it prosper'd with the Grandson you have seen, and the Children of that Family have been unfortunate.

Rocester was granted to Thomas Trent-Rocesterham, whose Son Francis, soon after, so settled it, that he nor any of his Sons could alienate it, which if any of them had had power to have done, it had been gone, and now 'tis got into a strange Family, where its believed it will not stay half another Age.

Croxton is next, which one of the Ful-jams had, and died a Beggar in a Barn, after he had sold it to Sergeant Harris, who had a hopeful Son who died soon after the Purchase, by which it came into a strange Family.

Tutbury was old Mr. Henry Cavendishes, the common Bull of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, yet died issueless, that still continues in his name, so doth Burton, but the Son of him that purchased it from the Crown was attainted of Treason. The Father of this Lord Pagett re-purchased it at 700*l.* a Year Rent; and this has much wasted his Estate, no body knows how.

Canwall you know, has changed his Master twice in our time, but to come back to Trentham, there have been two successive

How five Owners who are both like to die issueless. How *Stone* hath prospered both in the *Collier's* and *Crompton's* hands you have and will see.

Blytheberry *Blytheberry* hath sped no better, *St Thomas* has staid longest, but the present Owner most unfortunate. To conclude, 'tis my Observation that the Owners become Bankrupts and Sell, or else die without issue Male, whereby their Memories perish. I wish no better success to the Sacrilegious Purchasers of this Age, and sure the same God that has been thus just in his own Cause, neither slumbereth nor sleepeth, but will send the same Vengeance after it, for Lands once given *Deo & Sanctae Ecclesiae*, I know no human Power that can justly alien.

Laud, given to God not alienable

The next thing that hath been a great Ruin to the Gentry, is their living and taking pleasure to spend their Estates in *London*, and this they are the less to be pitied in, because it is their own Folly, and for the proof of this Assertion, be pleas'd to observe with me, that when *Mr. Erasmick* writ this Tract, there were but three Citizens Owners of any considerable Estates in *Staffordshire*, *Slaney* at *Norton Farm*, *Offley* and *Crompton*, the two latter in the Sons, the first was the Purchaser, and since vanished.

Citizens of London.

But

But in these latter 60 Years, you'll find three Barons, four Baronets, and near 20 that will take it ill if you write them less than Esquires.

For the Barons, there is the Lord Leigh of Hamstall Ridware, Ward at Dudley, and Cockam at Rochester.

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Baronets, Sir Edward Mosley at Roukstone, Sir Francis Lawley at Stourton Castle, and Canall, Sir Edward Seabridge at Prestwood, and Sir William Boothby at Cheadle.

And for Esquires, Alderman Drury at Aston, Alderman Broomfield at Barton and Blah-hall, Alderman Andrews at Eccleshall, Alderman Pyots eldest Son at Stretehay, Alderman Wolleston's Son at Walsall, Mr. Watson a Hosier at Blythbury, Mr. William Wolaston at Chebby and Outcote-Grange, Deputy Alderman Clark's Son Lord of Marchinton, Mr. Best at Perryhall and the Deanary at Wolverhampton, Mr. Holland, Mr. Bradock's Estate at Albeston, Mr. Offley, Mr. Crompton, Justice Wood, Mr. Miner's Seat, and the Dess... Manner of Uttoxiter, Mr. Hart Father and Son, Hosiers at Uttoxiter, Mr. Creswell at Barnshurst, Mr. Sam: Tyrick at the Hill, Fox a Scrivener at Fole, by these it appears plainly which way our Gentry destroy themselves.

Cheshire

Cheshire holds out better, because they have their Laws at home, and frequent not London much, yet by Country Trades, in this late Age, many are crept into handsome Estates, as Robert Hunt a Welch Draper in Shrewsbury, hath left his Son the Mathfields, Rinsley and Froghall. Your Neighbour Jelley (inferiour to none) Lord of Leek, half Chedleton, Carswall, Crestwood, Bothams, &c. and a Pawn in Astenbursts Estate, Mr. Floyer of Hints's Grandfather, a Mercer in Uttoxeter, Mr. Parks of Willingworth, his Grandfather carried Nails on his Back, Biddulph of Elmast from Litchfield, Mr. Matthew Craddock's Father, a Wool-buyer at Stafford, Hurt of Casterne, his Father a Lead-Merchant, Ingge that has built a fair House at Thorpe, (near Tamworth) and left his Nephew near a 1000 l. a Year, a Mercer at Leicester, Mr. Collier of Stone, Mr. Erdswick tells you his Pedigree, Captain Ormes Father by Grafting; Foley, Chetwind of Rugeley, and Goring by Iron-Works.

Some few Serving Men have leapt into handsome Estates, which it is hard to do honestly, as Mr. Lodkin, Cotton and Ferers of Crakemarshe, Brookes of Haseler from the Stable to his Young Mistresses Bed.

Whitby

Country Trade
men

Cheshire

Orms.

Serving men.

100 *Whitby, Coleman of Concock, Barber of Tamworth, &c.* and some in all Ages, *Common Law* have crept into Estates here, by the Common-Law, tho' the Country never made so Rich a Lawyer as *Brooks of Lapley, Littleton of Pillaton, Schrimphire* a Prothonotary, *Harris* a Serjeant at Law, ~~of Croxdon~~; *Cook of Knightley, Shilton of West Bromwich, Adderly at Gwens, Sir William Stafford* had *Aston, Dones, Packington, Perry-Hill, Rea-Hall, &c.* *Richard James of Kynston, Sir Richard Dyott* and *Mr. Anson*, and some others of smaller Account, but of all these, only *Dyott, Adderly*, and *Anson* (that hardly deserves who the Reputation of a Lawyer, being two or three times censur'd in the *Star-Chamber*, for his Knavery or Folly) that lived and *who* got their Estates in the Country.

But that which wonders me most, is, that we have no Family settled which is either by Bishop or Civil-Law, from *Litchfield*, save the fair House, and small Estate left by *Babbington*, and now enjoyed by his Grandson, and that *John Dyott*, his Predecessor, laid the Foundation, whereon *Anthony Dyott*, Father of *Sir Richard*, raised that Estate left to *Sir Richard*.

For the two *Westons*, I know not whether they got or lost, the one by the Common, the other by the Civil Law, for tho' they

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they lived handsomly, they died poor
Knights.

Sir, I must now beg your Pardon for
detaining you thus long,

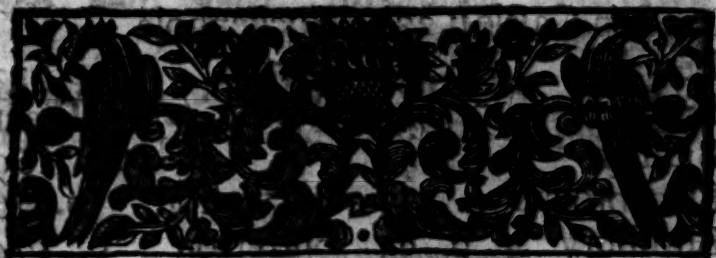
Your very faithful Servant,

20 Feb. 1669.

SIMON DEGGE.



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